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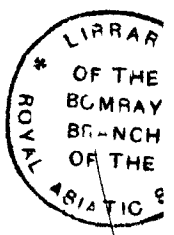

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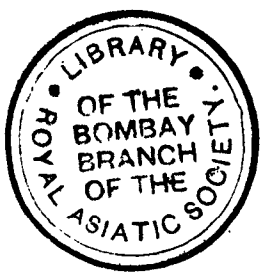

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DESPATCHES FROM ENGLAND 1696–1699

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED DECEMBER 8, 1696. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *pp. 1 and 2.*]

LONDON THE 8TH. DECEMBER 1696.

OUR LIEUTEN^T. GEN^LL. PRESID^T. & COUNCILL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

It pleased God in his great Mercy to send us in September last [in] safety, The Martha from Bengall richly laden, The Dorothy from China with only part of her Cargo, but without any Invoices or Bills of Lading, Remainder with our Supra Cargo M^r. Langley being left behind, because as Cap^t. Trenwith informs us the whole of those goods he had bespoke [from] her Lading, were not provided, when the Monsoon was so far spent, as that the Captain durst not stay any longer, The Sarah also last from your Place came in with them, by whom we received Duplicate of yo^r. Gen^ll. Letter by the Mary, who is not yet arriv'd, Whereunto, We shall not at present give any answer, It being very uncertain, whether this ship Amity may [come] to your place during the present Voyage, she being consigned for Am[oy] in China on whom we have sent M^r. Charle Price our Supracargo with M^r. John Hillar his Assistant to dispose of her Lading, and make us returnes hopeing They may meet with so quick a Voyage as to save her Passage, and be dispatched unto us the January following.

We are now hastening out the Tavistock a new ship of 750 Tons for the Coast & Bay, Another of 800 Tons for Surratt and some smaller ships, We design to send out, whose Voyages are not yet fully agreed on, But the Dorothy, We think shall go to Mocha [for] Coffee, by which shipping, We shall write fully to all Parts of India.

By ours of the 27^th. August last by the Sidney, we inform[^d] you that severall of the Pyrates, who by robbing the Moore ship occasion'd the late severe troubles at Surratt were apprehended [and] put in prison, since which six of them have been brought to a Tryall [for] Pyracyes, one of whom pleading guilty is reprieved, and its said [will] there be pardoned, The other on full Evidence were convicted, and lately executed at Execution Dock, severall Others also in Custody in Ireland will shortly be brought to justice for their Offences, But Enoy the Ringleader is not yet taken.

We would have you transmitt to Surratt the advise of this exemplary Justice, that the Moors may see, We a[bom]inate these rapa[cious] Villanyes to such a Degree, as to spare for no co[st] detect the Author[s. It] having cost us already many hundred pounds in their apprehension Conviction by promising £ 50 ℔ head for seizing the Criminalls to encourage their taking, We are in great pain however for our Affairs at Surratt, and wait with impatience to hear how that unlucky Dis[patch] is accommodated, hopeing that our Generall will so prudently man[age] himself as to bring all to the best issue possible.

What ever secrett Orders you shall receive herewith under [the] hands of George Boun Esq. present Governor, S^r^. Jn^o^. ffleet S^r^. [James] Sambrook, M^r^. Aldrãn Tench, M^r^. Sam^ll^. Ongley, M^r^. Ffrancis Eyles [... Cap^n^.] Rob^t^. Daniell or any four of them, you are to observe and follow [as the] same were signed by all of us, so commending you & our Affaires to the Guidance and protection of the Almighty We remain.

Your very Lov. ffriends,

GEO: BOHUN, *Governor.*
W^M^: SEDGEWICK, D: *Govern^r^.*
ROWL^D^: AYNSWORTH.
JN^O^: DU BOIS.
ROB^T^: DORRILL.
FFRAN: EYLES.
NATH: MOUNTENEY.
[CONSTANT] VERNATTI.

LIST OF THE PACKET FOR FORT S^T^. GEORGE SENT ON THE MARTHA BY THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^., PRESIDENT.

1. Companys Commission for setling the President & Councill at the Fort dated the 5^th^. January 1697.

2. Comp^as^. Instructions to the President & Councill dated the 26^th^. Jan^ry^. 1697/8.

3. Comp^as^. Generall to Fort S^t^. George dated the 26^th^. January 1697/8.

4. Invoice of the Martha
5. Bill of Lading Ditto } what concernes the Bay to be sent with ship thither.

6. Charterparty of the said ship to be sent down to the Bay with her.

7. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast.

8. List of goods that have & have not been sent of late years.

9. Copy of the Comp^as^. Generall to the Fort dated the 16^th^. April 1697 sent by the Tavestock.

10. Copy of the Comp^as^. Generall to the Fort dated the 8^th^. day of Dec^r^. 1696 sent by the Amity.

11. Copy of the Comp^as^. Generall to the Fort dated the 4^th^. May 1697 by the Tavestock.

12. Copy of the Comp^as^. Generall to Ditto dated the first Septem^r^. 1697 sent overland.

Copyes thereof to be sent to Bencoolen.

13. Copy of the Comp^as^. Generall to Bencoolen dated the 23^rd^. July 1697 sent on the Nassau.

14. Copy of the Comp^as^. Generall to Ditto dated the 27^th^. day of October 1697 sent on the Trumball Galley.

15. Auditor Generall's Letter, dated 5^th^. February 1697/8.

16. Copy of Ditto sent by the Tavestock, dated 21^st^. April 1697.

Deceas'd.

17. Comp^as^. Generall Letter to Nathaniel Higginson Esq^r^. dated the 28^th^. Jan^ry^. 1697/8 sent under a flying seal for your perusall, & taking copy of.

18. Comp^as^. Generall to Fort S^t^. Davids dated the 26^th^. January 1697/8 [sent] under a flying seal to be forwarded thither.

19. Copy of Captain Raynes Instructions dated the 26^th^. January 1697/8 [to] be returned to Bengall with the Ship.

20. Printed copy of the Companys By Laws.

21. Copy of a Free Merchants Covenants & Bond to perform them.

22. Copy of M^{r}. Frenchfield's Petition.

23. Petition of John Wessendonck & papers thereunto relating.

24. Printed Articles of Peace between England & France.

25. Comp^{as}. Letter to the President of y^{e}. ffort & Agent of Bengall dated the 4th. ffeb^{ry}. 1697/8. [Bondl.]

26. Comp^{as}. Generall to Bombay dated the 5th. ffeb^{ry}. 1697/8 to be forwarded thither by Express imediately.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1697,

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *page* 31.]

LONDON THE 9TH. FFEB^{RY}: 1697.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL

AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

Since closing our large Lr̃es by the ships now going out We have rec^{d}. an overland Pacquett from Surratt dat: in March last ad[vi]sing us, That by Lr̃es rec^{d}. from Madrass the December preceeding The President and Councill acquaint them, that they had Informat[ion] Pepper was at 2^{s} 6^{d} ℔ Pound in Europe, and therefore they were buying up all they could of that Commodity w^{ch}. being now sold [at] from 13 to 15^{d} a pound We shall only add to what we have alre[ady] said on that subject, that we would not have you buy and send us [any] Pepper above our limited price therein mentioned, nor any Petre [far] beyound the Chr̃eparty proportion till our further orders.

We did in y^{e}. 75th. Parag: of our Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e by the King William [ad]vise, that we had given Cap^{t}. Heath a Bond to repay him £ 200 [=] the sum̃^{e} of 800 Doll^{rs}. w^{ch}. he had gotten into his possession from ffrancis Eldred belonging to the ffrench Padres of Maccow or Can[ton] were not demanded to be made good by the Comp^{a}. wthin two years af[ter] the War wth. ffrance was ended, touching w^{ch}. matter you have given us no answer, And for as much as those sort of Padrees have an extraordinary way of insinuating themselves into the [govern]ment of all Places where they come, & thereby have many opportunityes of doing us a Mischief, We would have you to enquire into this, and if you find they have right to it to return them or their Order w^{t}. was so detained from them by Cap^{t}. Heath, and for w^{ch}. Cap^{t}. Eldred gave his Bill of Lading to deliver the same as they should direct, as you will find more at large in your Court books in the year 1690, when this matter was juditially examined into at Madrass We are

Your very Lov: ffriends

GEORGE BOHUN, *Gov^{r}*.
W^{M}: SEDGWICKE, *D. Gov^{r}*.
THO: [CONGON].
W^{M}: DES BOUVE[RIE].
JONATHAN [ANDREWES].
SAM: [ONGLEY].
[...]
W^{M}: WARD.
NATHA: MOUNTENEY.
FRAN: EYLE.
P^{R}: DELME
[SAM^{LL}.] MOYER.

LIST OF THE COMPANY'S PACKET TO THE FORT BY THE FAME.

1. Company's Instructions to the President & Councill dated the 26th. January 1697/8.
2. Compas. Generall to Fort St. George dated 26th. January 1697/8.
3. Invoice of the Fame.
4. Bill of Ladeing Ditto.
5. Charterparty of the said ship.
6. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast for ye. year 1698.
7. List of goods that have and have not been sent of late years.
8. Copy of the Compas. Generall to the Fort Dated the 16th. Aprill 1697 sent by the Tavestock.
9. Copy of the Compas. Generall to Ditto dated the first September 1697 sent overland.
10. Printed Copy of the Compas. By-Laws.
11. Copy of a Free Merchants Covenants & Bond to perform them.
12. Copy of Mr. Trenchfeilds Petition.
13. Compas. Letter to Nathl. Higginson Esq. dated the 28th. Janry. 1697/8.
14. Printed articles of Peace between England and ffrance.
15. Compas. Generall to ffort St. Davids dated the 26th. Janry. 1697/8. Sent under a flying seal and to be forwarded thither.
16. Copy of the Auditor Genls. Letter to ye. fort dated the 5th. Febry. 1697/8.

LIST OF THE COMPANY'S PACKET TO THE FORT BY THE THORNDON.

1. Company's Instructions to the President and Councill dated the 26th. January 1697/8.
2. Company's Generall to Fort St. George dated 26th. January 1697/8.
3. Invoice of the ship Thorndon.
4. Bill of Ladeing Ditto ship.
5. Charterparty of the said ship.
6. List of Goods to be provided on the Coast for the year 1698.
7. List of Goods that have and have not been sent of late years.
8. Printed Copy of the Compas. By-Laws.
9. Copy of a Free Merchts. Covenants & Bond to perform them.
10. Printed Articles of Peace between England & France.
11. Compas. Generall to Bombay dated 5th. February 1697/8 to be forwarded thither by an Express immediately.

LETTER FROM WM. THOROWGOOD TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1697, PER THORNDON.

[*Public despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *page* 41.]

TO THE RT. WORSPL. YE. PRT.
& THE REST OF YE. COUNCILL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Inclosed is an Invoice & Bill of Lading for 2 Chests of Silver amountg. to £ 1,584–8–2 put on board the Thorndon after the Generall Invoice for that ship was closed and Bills of Lading signed. They were designed to be sent on the Fame & are

Invoiced as on board that ship, but the Purser you will see excepted agast. them when he signed the Bills of Lading, soe I have deducted their amount from that Invoice & added it to that of the Thornd^{n}., which I desire you will please to doe, who am

Yo^{r}. humble Servant
W^{M}. THOROWGOOD

E. I. H^{o}. London,
14th. Febry. 1697.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED APRIL 16, 1697.

[*Sent by the Tavistock.* (*India office transcript*)]

LONDON THE 16TH APRILL 1697.

OUR LIEUTEN^{T}. GEN^{LL}. PRESIDENT AND
COUNCILL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

We wrote you a short Letter the 8th of December last by the Amity Viâ Bencoolen, giving an Acco^{t}. of the safe Arrivall of the Martha Dorothy and Sarah, Copy whereof comes enclosed, since which the Thomas from Bombay burden 400 tons is safely arriv'd at Cadiz in Spain, and daily expected here with the Turkey Convoy.

Our Last was the 8th December by the amity. Thomas arrived from Cadiz.

2. By the Sarah we rec'd. Duplicate of your Generall Letter sent on the Mary not yet arriv'd dated the 31th January, and 6th February 169$\frac{5}{6}$. Whereunto, we shall now return the following Answer and then proceed to such new Matter as occurrs unto us.

By ye Sarah rec'd. Duplicate of yours of the 31th January & 6th February 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

3. We take notice of the kind assistance, which the Dutch Commodore, gave to Capt. Thwaits Ships Company in affording them necessary refreshments at Galla, w^{ch}. we will have you, and all others our Servants in India endeavour to requite when ever there shal be opportunity, That so we may upon all Occasions demonstrate our readyness to maintain and preserve the strict union between the two Nations here, We are glad to read the good Newes of the King William and Fleet Frigotts safe arrivall at ye Fort and the Russell Frigotts near Negapatam.

requite the Dutch kindness to the King Wm. at Galla. are glad to hear ye 3 ships' arrivall.

4. We approve of Mr. Tredcrofts being added to our Councill in regard Mr. John Pitt is come away for England, and that you give us a good Character of said Mr. Tredcroft, hoping he will studiously endeavor to demean himself so faithfully and industriously, as to give us no cause to repent of putting him into such a Station.

Wee approve of Mr. Tredcroft's being of Council.

5. We observe what you write touching the Armenians Application to ye Nabobs Camp for redressing an Injury offered one of their Nation by the Moors Juncanners and commend your way of Proceedings therein, and resenting such particular Applications, which We will by no means allow for the reasons you mention as well as many others, that may be very easily given, And to the end that an effectuall stop may be put to any future attempts of the like kind, We would have you procure satisfaction to such of your Inhabitants as shall hereafter receive Abuses from the Moors or Gentue Officers or People of any kind and not to suffer any Inhabitants under your Government to make particular Applications for any injury put on them by the Moors, but what shal be done by and from you on their behalfs.

Concerning the Armenians p̄ticular application to ye Moors for redressing Injuryes. stop such attempts in all Persons and do you interpose for them.

6. You write the Armenians refuse to provide us painted Callicoes at 15 p. Cent advance on the prime Cost pretending the unsettled Condition of the Country Governments, and the fear of being robbed, or rather, that they think the proffitt too small. Sea Voyages being more gainfull, To which We answer, that those whether pretended or reall reasons, We think should the rather encourage and prompt you to

Since the Armenians will not provide paintings at 15 per cent proffitt.

gett Painters to ye fort or St. Davids.

be getting all the Painters and other handicrafts people you can from the Inland Towns to settle at Madrass or Fort St. Davids, by which means, we may in some measure repair the want of a currant Trade for paintings and Chay Goods during the Wars in the Country, And that you may have no reason to complain for want of those Goods, We dare venture to give you our present Lieutenant Generall & Councill Liberty to use your discretions in encouraging the Armenians or others to bring you large quantityes thereof though it be at something above 15 p. Cent advance on prime Cost not doubting, but you will take care so to manage this our Permission, as that we may be encouraged to continue it hereafter on other Occasions.

Allow ye Armenians Something more.

Encourage ye Peopling Madrass. gett Armenians for Souldiers &ca.

7. We shall be glad to hear that Coja Gregorye's invitation to his poor Country Men at Julpha to repair to and reside at Madrass has mett with a good effect esteeming it our Advantage to have Madrass as populous especially with Christians as possible, which we would have you use all possible wayes and means to encourage and if you could get some Armenians to serve in our Garrison as we formerly ordered, We should think it an Acceptable Service

Pay the Deodand into our Cash. also all Wefts Strays Felons Goods &ca. as well as Wrecks.

8. We expect by your next to hear the 300 Pag^{es} Deodand has been received of John De Marke and paid into our Cash for our Account, and do again require that all Wefts Strays Felons Goods Treasure Trove and such other Matters which the Lords of Mannours claim here be brought to our Account in time to come, as you write us word, the Wrecks have constantly been, We having a greater Authority at Madrass and Fort St. Davids than any Lords of Mannour can pretend to in England.

Since your Rups. go currant, Encourage ye Mint & keep up all coynes to full weight & fineness.

9. It is no small Satisfaction to us, that after so many and repeated Directions in former Letters, We do at last find your Rupees go Currant all round about you. This is a Matter of so great Concernment, That We recommend it to all your Care but more especially to our Lieutenant Generall to encourage the Mint and to see that all your Coyns be stedfastly kept up to their full weight and fineness by which means, We doubt not, but they will in a little time obtain in the Bay a reputation equall with the Rupee of that place, if it should be true as you write Us, that they are now 2 p. Cent under the Bengall Sicca Rupee, which if it once come to pass will save us a great deal of time and charge we formerly were at in getting our Treasure coyned at Rajamaul, and help us to make more early & more expeditious Investmts. than heretofore, when we were forced to wait the Officers of the Mints pleasure.

Shall send you fine Silver and 2 Presses.

10. We shall as we have opportunity be sending you fine Silver much above Standard as possible, and hope by this Ship Tavistock to send you a couple of Presses to facilitate the Dispatch of your Coynage

Concerning Tonqueen.

11. We are sorry to find so sad an Acco^{t}. of our Affairs at Tonqueen and our Estate there, and hope you are making a very strict Enquiry into the whole, wch. we shall expect by the next Shipping, We have some Letters and Papers from Mr. Keling and Mr. Sam's complaining of Mr. Watts and Mr. Farmer, concerning wch. we are not able to Judge at present, but shall hereafter when we receive the Result of Enquiryes and Examinations particularly what is become of the £30,000 which by our Bookkeepers Account ought to be there out of which we hear at present of no more than those 9 Chests of Silks on Board the Mary which being of so small a value, We can't but wonder at your management to send the Mary on a voyage to Atcheen only to fetch them, Whereby not only her Demorage is lost that will amount to as much as all those Goods, but for ought we know the Ship and whole Cargo may miscarry, we having hitherto no news what is become of her, Whereas had you dispatcht her for England as you might have done in October, she had in all likelyhood been here an Early Summer Ship and her Passage that is now lost been infallibly secured, which having omitted to do it is an unpardonable neglect not to have sent her away with the Sarah, But of this Matter We shall write you more at large, when we have enquired further into ye reasons of that Voyage, as we hope to do, if it please God to send her to us at last in safety, however as to Tonqueen factory, We see yet more reason than before to order the withdrawing all our Servants and Effects from thence as we formerly directed which We would have you do by some Countrey Ship sent thither on private Account as you propose, that being the cheapest way we can think of.

and the Mary's detention for 9 chests of Goods.

Withdraw Tonqueen Factory.

12. When Mr. Blackmore comes to the fort, do you make particular Enquiry into those Effects of ours in his hands, which he and you also by the Berkely Castle wrote us were seized by the Dutch at Mallacca, whereof we could not come to any distinct knowledge by reason the papers relating thereunto were lost in the said Ship, however we would have you use all possible diligence for recovery of those Goods or their Value, and as soon as you can give us an Accot. of the whole matter.

Enquire of Mr. Blackmore touching the Compas. Effects Seiz'd at Mallacca.

13. When you withdraw the factory take care to gett Mr. Kelings Estate out of the Tonqueeners hands, that so those Demands which the Company or others as formerly advised have upon him may be satisfied, and the remainder paid unto him, When we receive the Copy of his Dyary Accot. of Remains and other Papers in the Mary. We shal be able to give some Judgment of our Affairs there till then must suspend our thoughts.

Secure Mr. Kelings Estate at Tonqueen to Satisfy ye Compas. &ca. demds. on him.

14. We take notice of what you write touching Countrey vessells and cannot depart from our former Orders grounded upon a long dear bought experience that all such Ships of ours as formerly managed are a Canker in our Estate, and a dead eating charge to us, and therefore whenever you want any such Vessells for our Service, We would have you hire them in part or in whole upon freight as formerly directed, but build none either at Pegu or elsewhere without our further Orders, We approve however of the Cruizer for Sumatra as concurring with you that there may be a necessity for one at that place, yet we know it depends on our Chiefs management to make such a Vessell, prove either an Advantage or great loss unto us, We have had so long a Season of Losses and Misfortunes, that it becomes us and you too to set upon the practice of all frugall wayes and Methods that can be contrived, and to dry up all Superfluous Channells of expence and Charge w^th^in o^r^. power.

Concerning Countrey Vessells in India.

Use all ways of retrenching our Charge.

15. As to the Conocoply's Duty, we are positive that it be allow'd to the Corporation & brought into their Income, But that you do imploy this Man in collecting the said Duty, for which you may allow him the 20 Pag^es^. a quarter you mention for the execution thereof.

Allow ye Corporation ye Conocoplys duty and ye present Manager 20 pags. a quarter.

16. You pretend at the beginning of your Letter a reason for deferring the Publication of our granting the Insurance and Post Office to the Corporation yt. the Commission was not arriv'd, and though before the Conclusion of that Letter you acknowledge the receipt of the said Commission, yet we find nothing further done therein, We expect in your next to find that matter amended, and an Account of what progress is made therein as also how far the Scavengers Duty has been improved, which with all other Branches of our Revenue, we have reason to think are capable many of a very great, but all of some augmentation and this we must continually inculcate to you, remembring that Revenues are the Principall foundations for the flourishing growth and Welfare of any City or place of Trade, especially such a Place as Fort St. George, but having wrote you so largely on this head in former Letters, We shall need say ye less at this time.

Concerning ye Insurance & Post Offices.

And the Scavengers duty.

All ye Revenues may be improved.

17. We take notice of the Inconveniency that attends ye Collecting of ye Scaveng^rs^. Duty and Quitt rents with respect to ye poorest people, which we would have you remedy, either in the way you propose, or in such other manner as may meet with the most generall Approbation, well knowing, that there is great precaution requisite in laying publick Taxes on a people, that those Taxes are most cheerfully born in any Commonwealth, where the equality of the Assessment prevents publick Clamours and Complaints, for which reason we would have the rich bear a heavyer, and the Poor a smaller share of those Dutyes, and not to deprive them of the only Vessell they have for dressing their food, which as represented to Us savours of too much rigour, and inhumanity however we would not be understood as though we intended to lessen the Duty, but only to direct the more equall levying the same according to the different degrees of the Inhabitants.

Remedy ye Inconvenieney's of the Scavengers duty.

make it equall in proportion to all.

Expect Mr. Frazer pay ye Dustore into cash and all others hereafter.

18. We take notice of Mr. Frasers promise to bring the Dustore into the Compas. Cash for the time to come and expect it to be accordingly complyed with by him and all others hereafter.

Concerning Mr. Nodens stay at Metchlepa.

19. We observe what you write concerning Mr. Nodens stay at Metchlepatam and that he keeps up the English Reputation, but without any charge to us, and so far we think it may be rather an Advantage to us than otherwise, but we must recommend it to your particular care that this liberty allow'd him may not [hereafter prove of ill consequence to us, for if any] interloper should come into those Parts, and he apply that power he assumes to himself there to promote their Interest, either openly or by Connivance, We shall have no cause to approve of his preserving that factory without charge to us, We are the more apprehensive of this, because we find the free Merchants at the Fort &ca. are generally corrupted by Mr. Yale and his Adherents, and if we are not misinformed dare venture to appear openly in Caballs against & Opposition to our Lieutent. Genll. & Councill, wch. if true, as we hope it is not, we can't but very much disapprove of your Conduct to suffer any that are under your Government to abuse the Generall Liberty we give them, by so intollerable and unprecedented an Insolence, neither shall we think any of you fit to fill up your present Stations, if you do not mannage the Reins of Government with so steady a hand, as to give no temptation to those that are under you to attempt becoming your Masters.

Suffer no free merchts. to carry on Factions against ye Company.

Keep a Watchfull eye on all of them.

20. What we say as to Mr. Noden, We would have you also put in practice to all other free Merchants, some of which we have great reason to believe want nothing, but an Opportunity to joyn with our enemyes to our disadvantage & therefore, We would have you keep a watchfull eye upon them, and if you find them any way tardy, use the Authoritative power wherewithall We have invested you to prevent the mischief they may intend us, all who come out from hence or under like covenants with us, Copy whereof we herewith send, whereby you may easily discern that if they should carry on contrary Interest to ours you may send them home for England, or put the Covenant in suit against them.

if faulty execute ye penalty of their Covenants Copy whereof is enclosed.

Settle not at Ganjam or any new factory without our Orders.

21. We did by our last Ships permitt your Resettlement at Pettipolee upon the reasons, you then gave us. And particularly for vending Europe Commodityes and procuring painted Goods there, but the Encreasing of factoryes has been alwayes so chargeable, that we utterly forbid your settling at Ganjam or anywhere else without our Positive Orders, such new Settlements serving to little other purpose then to create us a standing yearly charge of some 1,000s of pounds which at this time, we and you too must study by all means possible to put a stop, It is true the pretence is that Cossaes Mulmulls, &ca., Goods are very cheap there, and such like specious pretences have alwayes been started up to recommend a new factory, which when come to be experienced have as certainly proved a dead charge and disappointment to us, If those goods were cheaper there than at Bengall, and we should have any Interruption in our trade in the Bay, then there might be some colour to urge such a Settlement, but when our factoryes were some years since withdrawn from the Bay and the procuring Muslins &ca., would have been a Service to us, then we could never hear one word of this place, nor the cheapness or quantity of its commodityes, therefore while the Bay Trade is open, we have no reason to buy these Commes. elsewhere, Or to erect any new factory for them, And here we can't omitt repeating our former Orders that you reduce the Charges of all our Factoryes already settled which our Auditor Generall acquaints us are very extravagant at some places the yearly expenses equall if not exceed the very Investments specially at Fort St. Davids, which is so intollerable a shame, that we wonder our Lieutenant Generall and Councill could ever pass the Accounts without very severe Animadversions, however as an Expedient to this Epidemicall Indian Vice of Prodigality, We shall expect from you by the next opportunity, an estimate of what the yearly necessary charge of every factory under your inspection may be reduced unto communibus Annis, all superfluous expences being lopt off and give orders to our severall Chiefs to see the same put in due Execution, who we resolve shal hereafter be accountable for the same and when we

wch. certainly creates a yearly charge.

the Pretence of cheap Goods never wanting on such occasions.

Reduce ye Charge of all factory's especially at Tort St. Davids.

Send us an Estimate of ye needful Charge of every Factory.

see your Calculate, we shal be then able to give you our Sentiments of it, and we expect that the Authors of those superfluous expenses shall reimburse them. It is this and our Country Ships, which lye as a worm gnawing at the root of our Estates and hinder the growth and increase thereof as we have too sadly experienced of late years.

ye Excess whereof Our Chiefs shall be accomptable for.

22. All sorts of Chay Goods are very much wanted here, so that if you could now M^r. Noden is at Metchlepatam procure any quantity or from thence by his means according to the List herewith sent you, It would prove an acceptible Service to us and cause him to meritt at our hands the favour allow'd him of a Residence in our Factoryes there, for which you may allow him 2 p. Cent for his Commission, by this means we shall know our charge.

Get by Mr. Noden Chay Goods from Metchlepa. as p. List.

allow him 2 p. Ct. Commission.

23. We very well approve of your dismissing those unfaithful persons you mention, which we would have you continue to doe at all times and on all Occasions, but more especially at this Juncture, when we are so very much over stock'd in all places under your Presidency, And as we would have you by such exemplary punishment deter all persons from the like vicious practices, so we would have you encourage all such as you find diligent industrious and faithfull in our Service according to their Deserts Rewards and punishments being the greatest Incentives to Vertue and Checks to Vice imaginable if faithfully and impartially put in due Execution.

Approve your dismissing Unfaithfull Servants which continue.

encourage ye diligent and faithfull.

24. Upon a view of the numbers in our List of factors and writers, and upon fresh Application for entertaining others in our Service We appointed a Committee to consider thereof so much of whose Report as is necessary for your knowledge is as followeth and which we would have you put in Execution accordingly, vizt., that the Factors and Writers at the Fort, and Fort St. Davids especially are far more them (sic) are necessary for managing our Affairs there. That six of the supernumeraries Factors or Writers which are likely to be of most use to us in the Bay be sent thither. That very particular Orders be given to the Generall Presidents Agents, and all our Chiefs in India, to keep all our Servants under them strictly to their duty and to remove and displace whosoever shal be irreclaimably vicious negligent or disorderly.

Send six Supernumerarys to Bengall.

keep all to their business displace the vicious.

25. We have not as yet recd. the Consultation touching Mr. Braddill, the Mary not being arriv'd, neither any Account thereof from Bengall but expect it from both places, till when, we can't give our Judgments thereupon.

Concerning Mr. Braddyl.

26. We observe what you write us in your 28th Paragraph touching some Piscashes you have been necessitated to give the Juncanners and others, and the reasons inducing you thereunto which as they at present appear seem satisfactory, It is past all Contradiction, That the Management of those affairs depends very much on the honesty and ability of your black Servants, by whose knowledge and experience in the Customs and practices of the Countrey Governments, you must in a great measure guide yourselves; We therefore recommend it to your care to choose such persons, on whose Integrity and fitness to serve in those Stations you can place the greatest confidence, and yet not to trust them so entirely, as to see only with their Eyes, but make such Enquiry's from Others, as that you may have every now and then, some Check upon them, The want of which, we are very sensible has been chargeable to us in times past, And it must be your care to put a stop to the like charge for the future by keeping a watchfull eye upon them and by being as industrious as possible to prevent any Quarrells and disputes with the Country Government, which we are sensible is very easy for them to foment to their own advantage But herein we can give no better direction, then to leave all to your prudence & vigilance to be as good Husbands as you can, and never part with a penny, where there is not an absolute necessity, And in all Applications to the Country Governm^ts. to address to such persons as you shall find can soonest most effectually and at least charge effect your Purposes whether it be to the Mogols Chief Minister or any of their under Govern^rs. but the less you have to do with any of them, the better it wil be for us, whose Interest it is to keep clear of them, and to give them as few Opportunityes as possible to prey upon us.

Your piscashing ye Juncaneers Wee approve Black servants must be used & depended on in those affairs.

keep a Watchfull eye upon them

prevent quarrells with ye Native Government.

part with no Money but where necessary & to proper Persons.

Send no Red Wood but at half frts.

27. Our Freights continue so very high and Red Wood bears so indifferent a price at present, that we still continue our former Orders to send us no more red Wood than the Charterparty directs you at half freight.

Cultivate Bencoolen Sending thither all needfull Supplyes.

28. We did by the Sidney and Madrass Frigott advise you in July last that we had receiv'd from Mr. Barwell an Accot. of his transactions on the West Coast which we very well approve of, and are thereby encouraged to hope he has before this time put our affairs into such a Posture as to make that a flourishing and prosperous Settlement which we earnestly long for, But then it is incombent upon you to cultivate and improve the same by sending constant Supplyes of what ever they shall want, as you did by the Mary Buoyer, You can't be insensible how prodigious an Expence We have been at since our first settling there, and how little benefit, We have receiv'd in return, We formerly order'd a free uninterrupted Course of trade should be allow'd to all Persons at Bencoolen paying the Companyes Dutyes which We still continue Interlopers excepted, or any for their use, that so by making it a Generall Mart, It might be improved by the constant Resort of Shipping and Merchants, which only can increase and make it populous and by giving Encouragement to the Natives to bring you constant Supplyes of Pepper, You might never have wanted a Ships lading, This would not only have prevented much Demorage, but effectually secured the course of the Pepper Trade to us which has been diverted to Padang and other Places under the Dutch Government, And if we had had able and honest persons at the head of our Affairs We should have found our Expectations answer'd, But instead thereof Our Ships have lain there Month after Month waiting at a great charge, & at last come away dead freighted while private ships could find Supplyes For which you could find an Opportunity to make us pay your selves or others near three times its prime cost. This has put us upon the following Resolution, Vizt. That our Governour and Councill of York Fort be always provided with 200 Tons at least of Pepper in their Godownes, which is to be preserv'd inviolable for the Companyes own use, And as any Part is taken out & laden on board any the Companyes Ships that they immediately resupply ye same That being first taken care of, you may as before permit a free trade in Pepper to all Persons Interlopers excepted, They paying us a penny a lb. towards the Compas. excessive charge with this Proviso, that if the Companyes Ships have occasion for more they should be first served whether sent from hence directly or from your parts or the Bay, If you should want any Pepper for loading home any of our Ships from the Fort, We direct that you don't pay above 4d per lb. for the same, if from Sumatra, or if brought from the Inland Countreys of Mallabar, We further advise that you keep as great a store as possible of Pepper in your Godownes brought from the West Coast, for which purpose, We would have you take Tonnage in any Countrey Ships going thither.

Give free liberty of Trade there to all but Interlopers & their adherents. Encourage the Natives to bring you Pepper which would Secure the trade to us.

Whereas Private Ships have been Supply'd and ye Compas. want & come dead frted. Preserve for Us always 200 tons in Store. Then Permitt free Trade paying 1d p. lb. Serving ye Compas. Ships first. Buy no Pepper for us at ye fort at more than 4d p. lb.

Concerning putting ye Orphans Stock to Interest.

29. We observe what you write touching the Improvement of the Orphans Stock and though we are satisfyed that we formerly order'd concerning it is a better advantage to them than 8 or 9 p. Cent paid by others considering the casualtyes that often befall private persons, for which reason it was, that we first directed its being put into our Cash, yet if the Churchwardens and Overseers had rather lend it out to other persons at a higher Interest, We shall not interpose therein being willing to encourage that Charity, and shall say no more but only to recommend it to your and their prudence to take all possible care for it's best Security.

Supply Us fully with Longcloth &ca. from St. Davids & Vizagapas.

30. We are glad to find you own that Fort St. Davids and Vizagapatam can supply us with the Longcloth and Sallampores ordered by our List and therefore shall now expect to be fully supplyed from thence and all other Factoryes on your Coast to make amends for the small quantityes sent us for some years past touching which shall write you more in a following Paragraph, But that so little is to be expected from Fort St. George is very suprizing and unwelcome News, true it is you give us some reasons how it happens to be so at this time, from the unsettled Condition of the Joynt Stock Merchants, Yet we think you are blameworthy in that you have not interposed as you ought, your Authority and checked the growing evill at its first appearance, you should have directed, and if needfull assisted them to finish their Accots. and taken care of putting so many able Managers at ye head of their affairs,

Fort Joynt Stock Merchts. you should have supported and when divided resettled.

as that the death of one or two might not have produced the Mischiefs which now threaten them, And the rather because you know how great a Benefit We have reaped for many years past by the large Investments they have made us without taking any bad Debts, This if there were no other is a sufficient reason why they ought to be resettled and we expected to have received some Expedients from you to that purpose, who being upon the place are the fittest Judges thereof, as to the honouring the Children of the deceased Parents You may do as you see convenient and most pleasing to the Gentues, So as the Company be not prejudiced, but a Joynt Stock we would have resettled, either of those formerly concerned if possible, or else with the addition of so many others as may enable y^m^. to undertake handsom and large Investments, as heretofore they were accustomed to do, especially considering that we are willing to indulge and favour them more than others as we have frequently advised, This is a matter of so great Concernm^t^. that we would have you give no rest to your Endeavours till it be brought to a good Conclusion, for without this, Fort St. George will prove a heavy burden to us as it has been of late years where the expence has equalled if not exceeded Its Investment, Your next Paragraph give us yet further reason to press the uniting and settling your Company of black Merchants, If as you say the Painting or Weaving Trade can't be improved without them, which alone is so cogent, that we shall add no more because we hope you are honest, & that you will hereafter give us convincing proofs of your diligence in, and ability for our service by settling them and encouraging the Painting and Weaving trade all you can at Madrass and Coddalore.

Or offer'd Us Some Expedients.

Take care to resettle them.

31. We are glad to hear Fort St. Davids is so promising a Settlement and must recommend it to your care to cultivate it what in you lyeth, We should be glad to have an end put to the Repairs there, Our Auditor Generall complaining to us of the excessive Charge We are at in that place, which you can't be unsensible of, and that nothing but a proportionable Revenue will ever be able to support, It is that has enabled the Dutch to maintain and preserve so many fortifyed Settlem^ts^. in India, and nothing else can enable us to do the like, which being therefore of so great Concernment to us we recommend it to you and to our President Mr. Hatsells care and study to improve and encrease by all the wayes within your Power, wherein we can't give you a better precedent, than the Dutch Example to copy after, and since the bringing the Water round the Town of Codalore wil be so great an Addition to the safety of the Place, We think it very reasonable that the Inhabitants, who reap the benefit should defray the Charge of their own Security, Altho it is our Design to strengthen Fort St. Davids all we can, because it lyes so near the Dutch and is in a Princes Countrey that will do anything for Money, yet we would not have you remove the Blacks from Bencoolen thither except such only as may well be spared, Because it must be our care also to keep York Fort so well manned as to preserve it from any Attempt of the perfidious Mallayes, whom the Dutch would soon instigate to expell us thence, as they have from Indrapora, if they could but spy so favourable an Opportunity.

Cultivate Fort St. Davids.

Emprove the Revenue there.

Codolore Inhabit^ts^. must pay for bringing y^e^ water round ye Town.

Take no more Blacks from Bencoolen than can be well spared.

32. We are glad at last to read experience has taught you that laying a Duty of 5 p̃. Cent on Grain, would not hinder its Importation, We know well enough, why it was so often contradicted before, by those who ought to have obeyed not disputed our Orders, But we hope better things from you, and therefore leave it to you to lay up such stores of Paddy and Rice as you shall see convenient to lower the Price at the Markett when you find it needfull, which we the rather require you to doe, because thereby the poorer sort of People will reap the greatest if not the only advantage.

Lay up Stores of Rice & Paddy when you see it convenient.

33. We still continue our Prohibition of all permissive Trade, and would not have you allow the same to any persons without our speciall Orders.

Permissive Trade restraints.

34. Our late President Yale notwithstanding his reall inclination to stay in India, had by his Brother and some others made very pressing Instances for liberty to return to England, which we told them we were so far from opposing that we had

Concerning Mr. Yale

ordered, & you accordingly offer'd him any Ship he pleased to take his passage upon, They pretended he was detain'd notwithstanding upon Account of new Demands started up against him, whereupon we have at their desire given them 3 Copyes of the Following Order for his return under our Secretaryes hand which we require your complyance with and Obedience unto in all things Vizt. Whereas S^{r}. Steven " Evans Mr. Jn°. Paige and Mr. Tho. Yale have desired our leave and permission. That " our late President Elihu Yale Esq may return for England having given us Security " here to answer and make good whatsoever demands we shall or may have against " him his Exec^{rs}. or Administrators, We in Complyance with the said Desires do " hereby order and appoint you and every of you peaceably & quietly to permit and " suffer the said Elihu Yale with his estate to return from India to England either by " Sea or land without any Lett hindrance or Molestation whatsoever for or on our " behalf, and without taking any Security or Deposite from him on our Acco^{t}. pursuant " to ye Order of Councill formerly transmitted to you, And that no Action or Actions " w^{t}soever formerly decided let fall or nonsuited in our Courts be renewed to embar- " rase his Return, And if he shall desire to take his Passage and imbarque himself or " his Estate on board any of our Ships, that you give him an Order for so doing, If " he shall take his Passage by Land that you permit him, and his Assigns to embarque " his Estate on board any of our Ship or Ships whatsoever PROVIDED that such " embarcation be made within the space of 3 years from the date of these presents. " And that he have the Priviledge allow'd our former Residents which is not to exceed " the quantity of five Tons And that what shal be embarked upon said Priviledg " on board any of our Ships, be done only in such Commodityes as the Company by " their Indulgence of the 7th September 1688 have allow'd to their Agents and Factors " which are as follows Vizt. Lacks of all Sorts Camphire Myrrhe Rubies Saphires " Bezoar Stones Cornelian Rings and Stones Pearl Ambergrice Aggatts Olibanum " Cotton Wool Cordivants and all Sorts of Leather drest or undrest Dyamonds all " Stuffs made of Carmania Wool Camell hair, or other hair without any Mixture of " Silk or Cotton or the Product of any living Insect Orpmont Cassia Fistula Civet " Cubebs Cumminseeds Assafœtida Lapis tutia Mirabolans Sanguis Draconis Nux " Vomica Oyl of Mace Nutmegs Cinamon and Cloves Long Pepper Salarmoniack " Screens Cabinetts Senna Spikenard Tammarinds Wormseeds Sugar Candy Rice " Persia Carpetts Tortois Shells Opium Gallingale Cambogium Rhubarb all Sorts of " China Wares all Sorts of Lacquer'd Wares or any other Commodityes not prohibited. " And we do hereby order and direct, that he pay such freight only as the Comp^{a}. " themselves do by their Charterparty, Our Intent being that effectuall Care be taken " that he have the first or any Opportunity that offers within the abovesaid time he " shall desire of removing himself and his Estate by Sea or Overland for England, & " that you give him your Assistance as aforesaid. "

and his permission to bring home his Estate.

Concerning the Dutch Vigilance against the French.

35. We are glad to hear the Dutch are so watchfull against our Common Enemy and hope some of the Squadrons they have sent out may meet with them and prevent their designed Mischief. By the Commander of the Thomas arriv'd at Cadiz in her return from Bombay, We understand that some Dutch Ships had met with five Sail of French Ships near Bombay, but the night coming on They lost them after exchanging a few broad sides, you do very prudently to be on yo^{r}. Guard in all places, Danger being then nearest at hand when persons are most secure.

Advise of all Bills of Exce. drawn on us.

But draw none for Factors Estates till their Accots. are cleared.

36. It is very Satisfactory, That you advise of such Bills of Exchange as from time to time you draw upon us, which we would have you continue in our Gen^{ll}. Lres, your not doing it heretofore being a very culpable Omission, We would have you take care not to draw Bills upon us for the Effects of any of our Servants dec^{d}. paid into our Cash, till you have seen their Acco^{ts}. in India are cleared, or at least sufficient left behind for that purpose.

37. The Mary not being as yet heard of Our Lieutenant Gen^{lls}. Covenants and Security, as well as all other Papers referr'd unto in this Letter are not come to hand, and although we hope she is safe, yet this give us fresh Occasion to require you to

send Duplicates of all Materiall Papers relating to our Affairs for want of which at this time, We can't give so full an Answer to severall Matters in your said Letter as we should otherwise have done but in especiall Manner, we would have you send Duplicates of all Books of Acco^{ts}. and while the War continues Tripliques thereof, Our Bookkeeper complaining he is at a great Loss for want of those cast away in the Orange Copyes whereof send by the next good Conveyance.

Send duplicates of all Materiall Papers in our Packetts. and Tripliques of Books of accots. with Copy of those by the Orange.

38. We are sorry you should have so great a quantity of Woollen Goods lying upon your hands undisposed of, which that it might not be burdensom unto you, We sent but little last year and none this.

little Cloth Sent last year & none this.

39. However considering the Injunction we lye under you must use yo^{r}. utmost Industry to propagate a Market there, but whereas you do write for an Approbation of sending Cloth on Countrey Ships to forraign Marketts we can't approve thereof, but for a further expedient, We order that our Cloth be for the future exposed to publick Sale by Inch of Candle either by 2, 3, or 4 of the most proper Seasons of the year, as you shall Judge most convenient, and no otherwise, and that there be timely notice given of every Sale a Month before hand at the least to all proper places, and all persons have a free uninterrupted permission to buy there and at each Sale that you sett up such a Proportion of our Cloth of each sort and quality, and at such prices as you Judge will vend, and to declare that no more be sold till the next Sale, And we can't but hope by your prudent Management of this Method, We shall reap an Advantage and you less trouble in vending those Commodityes, This together with our permitting your resettlement at Pettipolee We hope will enable you to put off the whole quantity We must from time to time send you which rather than lye by and spoil you may sell at Invoice Price or under.

how to dispose of ye Woollen Goods.

40. We have reason to believe that some Interlopers are designed for the Bay and possibly to the Coast, which if they should doe, We can't but expect you and all our Servants will not in the least Countenance them, but with the utmost Care and diligence support our Interest, And as in Justice you ought to take care of our Interest with which you are Intrusted, So for your own Reputation you ought not to give them the least Countenance or Assistance, but to prevent and disappoint y^{m}. all in you lyes, whereby you will clear those reports which they have spread of you to the contrary here in Europe, and that you take all Occasions to let the Government understand, that they do nowayes belong to the Company, and tho' we don't affirm they design to make any Pyraticall Attempts in those Seas; yet if any such should happen the Company can't any way hinder or be answerable for it, nor for any Ship but such as do either belong to them or have their Passes since from those, who have our Passes, We have ordered our Servants to take Security, that they shall not committ any Pyraticall Actions against the Mogols Subjects, and it wil be very fit upon this occasion to inculcate to the Governm^{ts}. the great care cost and charge the Company have been at to bring those Pyraticall Villains to Justice, who made an Insult on the Moors Ship Gunsway wch. they accordingly have in a great measure effected by the execution of 5 of y^{m}. and are yet in a zealous prosecution of the rest, whereas the Interlopers did not nor have not made the least endeavour nor paid a penny charge towards it, by which the Governmt. may easily perceive the Advantage They will have by that Trade, being carryed on by the Company preferrible to private Ships since they can & are willing to be answerable for such as are in their own Service or receive passes from them, whereas private Ships which come and go if any Pyraticall Action be committed by them, they have no body left to answer for it.

Concerning Interlopers going out and their defeating them.

41. When it shall please God we receive the Papers you refer to We shall Judge of the Necessity you pretend to be under of sending the Mary for Atcheen tho' as before hinted they seem to us to be very slight, and design'd for a private Interest when as you may observe in our Letter by the London Frigott We directed the Mary should go to the Bay from Persia.

About Sending the Mary to Atcheen.

We approve of your giving Passes Take Security the Ships don't Injure ye Moors or assist Interlopers or Pirates.

42. We approve of what has been done touching the Passes given to English Ships sailing under your Protection, but would have you take sufficient Security from the Master and Owners that such Ships do neither committ Acts of hostility, or do other Injury to the Ships or subjects of the Mogols or any other Prince in in Amity with Us, least thereby our Servants Lives and our Estates may be in hazard as of late they have by the Pyracies committed in and near the Red Sea, take the like Caution from them, that they give no Assistance to any Interloping or other Ship not under our Protection lost thereby unawares they may aid and assist their and our Enemyes, It being for this Reason that we first sent out those Passes to India to be a Testimony to the Natives and all others, that those ships who are without a pass come without our permission or Consent.

Shall reward Capt. Oyles as he deserves.

Advice of Capts. Meritts or disobedience.

43. We cannot at present Judge of the differences between Cap^{t}. Oyles and M^{r}. Walsh for want of the Diary, however you do well to let us know that Cap^{t}. Oyles deserves our respects and favour, which God sending him home in safety he shall not want, nor any others as we find them meriting, Give us likewise an Account of any of our Commanders whom you shall find refractory and disobedient to your Selves or Us that we may take notice of them accordingly.

Conclude with Mr. Peachy and Bowridge. Suffer no delays in Courts of Justice.

44. We expect your next will give us an Acco^{t}. of the Conclusion made with M^{r}. Peachy and M^{r}. Bowridge wherein, and in all other Cases, we would have you use all convenient Speed and expedition, delayes in Courts of Justice being a grievance which occasions a general Clamour.

Concerning Hammon Gibbons.

45. We know not what to say to Mr. Hammon Gibbons Acco^{ts}. but have referr'd that matter to our Auditor Generalls Examination, who will write you fully concerning them, whose Directions and Orders, we would have you observe, as if the same were particularly inserted herein, In the meantime, We can see no reason why you should spare him any more Money, till his Acco^{ts}. are fully adjusted.

Papers touching Mr. Coventry Sent.

46. We have had some complaints made us by M^{r}. Jn^{o}. Coventry late an Inhabitant of Madrass as you will see by his petition Enclosed, whereupon a Committee being appointed to consider thereof made their Report which wth. the other Papers relating thereunto herewith sent, we would have you comply with accordingly.

Concerning the Encrease of Private Trade and diminuition of ye Compas occasion'd thereby.

47. We observe from your own Lists, and have the same abundantly confirm'd from all hands, that great Numbers of Shipping resort yearly to Madrass to the creating a considerable Trade there, notwithstanding which, such has been your Management of our Affairs that very inconsiderable quantityes of Coast Goods, have been sent us of late years An Investment of 20 or 30,000 Pag^{os}. it seems is a Work too difficult to be undertaken and gone through withall the last year, indeed you give us some reason for But before that, We know not w^{t}. to attribute our Want of Goods unto, so much as your want of Activity in our affairs while the best of your thoughts and the vigour are employed in driving on your own Trade in Diminuition at least, if not in opposition to ours, who are at excessive annuall Charges to maintain and preserve Factoryes and Settlements, while your Selves or others, not we, run away with the Profitt, True it is, we have permitted you, and all free Merchants a generall Liberty of trade being willing to give all Suitable Encouragements to our Servants to get Estates by their honest Endeavours, well knowing that such an unlimited Liberty if wisely emproved and managed had a naturall tendency to create Plenty of Goods Trade alwayes drawing Goods as well as People to any place wheresoever it is encouraged and hoping that We our Selves should have found returnes of a double diligence in our Service and the good Acknowledgment of such a Liberty, but sure you could never imagine We designed this Indulgence to others should be a Detriment to our Selves and by yeilding a sufficient supply to them, cause a Scarcity of Goods to us as we have found by a smarting Experience at Fort S^{t}. Davids and Fort S^{t}. George but especially at the last, Notwithstanding both places are considerably encreased in Trade of late years, We have scarce had the quantity of one good ships

Our granting Freedom of Trade was for your Encouragemt. not our detriment.

Loading of Coast Goods a year for some years past from all Parts under yo^{r}. Presidency, We expect, that this shal be remedyed in time to come, however that we may in some degree have an insight into the extent of the Trade of those two ports, We do hereby require you to send us by every Sea Conveyance, Copy of the Choultry or Custom house book or what ever else tends to give us a Manifest of the severall Quantityes Sorts and qualityes of Goods imported or exported by all Ships that come thither with the Names of the Exporters and Importers, This we will have to be a standing rule for the future send us likewise an Acco^{t}. of all the Goods which the Mary brought to Madrass from Atcheen as well on Private as our own Acco^{t}. and the freights received from them, and the Names of all European free Merchants and traders residing at Madrass and Fort St. Davids each Nation apart by themselves.

Send Copys of ye Choultrey Books of all Goods imported or exported &ca.

Also an Accot. of ye Marys goods from Atcheen & List of all Free Merchts.

48. We did by the Sidney and Madrass order a particular Inventory to be sent us of all our Estate moveable and immoveable in all places under your Presidency once every three years as our Generall S^{r}. Jn^{o}. Gayer has done from Bombay to our great satisfaction, And that you may do the like, We again repeat the same Orders and shall expect your Complyance therewith accordingly nor will we admitt of any pretence or excuse to disappoint our expectation herein.

Send an Inventory of our Estate every three years.

49. There goes over on the Tavistock one Henry Marshall, whose father has been severall times of our Com^{tee}. and at his desire, We order you to continue him at Fort St. George, unless we shall otherwise order.

H. Marshall to remain at ye Fort.

50. We have had Application made unto us for the advancing severall of our Factors and others in India, and particularly of M^{r}. Gulston Addison bred here a Merchant, and thereby very well capacitated to serve us the Answer we have given to such, and which we would have you continue to observe is That all Persons in our Service be preferred according to their Deserts, But in regard M^{r}. Adison is known to us to be better qualifyed by his Education Sobriety and Ingenuity than many others of his standing, and if you find him so we question not but you will advance him in his Course according to his Meritts, the like we say also to M^{r}. Thomas Marshall our Register of whom we hear a good Character, and his Father is an ancient Member of our Court, and the same of M^{r}. Thomas Lovell bred here a Linnen Draper and Son to our Recorder, and M^{r}. Trevor Games related to S^{r}. W^{m}. Langhorne, and M^{r}. Vicesimus Griffith and M^{r}. Vanden Ancher.

Prefer Mr. Adision Marshall, Lovell, Games, Griffith, and all others as they deserve.

51. We doe so far continue our former Order of making the Bay Subordinate to the Fort that in all Cases of Appeals and contests in Courts of Justice or Equity w^{ch}. can't be determined in the Bay and must otherwise be brought before us, Those in the Bay shall have recourse to Fort St. George to decide the same, as also when any of our Servants there can't by a Judiciall Process be otherwise obliged to give in a just Account of our concernes under their Management, But if any should appeal to the Fort and give great trouble without cause, we would have them condemn'd in great cost to the Party agrieved, and to the Company But in matters of Merchandizes relating to our Investments, We will have the Bay depend only upon our Selves, and send us their Books of Acco^{ts}. Consultacons and other Books directly without going first to the Fort the good Effect whereof We found in Agent Charnocks time, when our Acco^{ts}. were duly sent us from Bengall to the shame of all other our Factoryes in India.

How far ye Bay is to be Subordinate to ye fort.

52. By this Ship Tavistock You will receive 300 of the Portugeez Liturgies which you must take care so to employ as may best answer the end proposed in the first chargeable undertaking, they are only stitched together, because We know you can bind them up cheaper, and suit the Peoples Inclinations better than is to be done here.

300 Portugees Liturgies sent.

53. We are very much surprized, that many things which concerne our Affairs are spoke of about the Town, and come to us by that means, whereof we have no Acco^{t}. at all in your Letters to us, and particularly that you are upon rebuilding the Fort House to our great Charge, This if it be true is of that Consequence, that we

We hear privately ye fort house is rebuilding.

for ye future advise Us of all things of Moment which send in ye Pacquett

and direct what is Secrett to ye Govr.

can't but take notice of it since in all things of this kind you ought first to have given us an Acco^{t}. and asked our leave before you adventured to lay out our Money especiall at such a difficult time as this But for the future it is our positive Order, that nothing of moment do hereafter happen in our Affairs, but what shall be communicated to us in our Generall Pacquett, that so the Court of Com^{tees}. may at all times have all such Informations within their own keeping and at their own house, however, if it should so happen, that there be anything of that consequence as to import the Company in an Extraordinary manner, and not fit to be made publick at least for some time In such Case you are to give an Acco^{t}. thereof directed to the Govern^{r}. of the Company for the time being who has orders to proceed therein according to the exegency of the Case.

have Supply'd you with Navall Stores according to your Proposall.

54. We have considered your Proposall for sending Navall Stores as is mentioned in the 40th. Parag: of your Lre. by the Princess which Ship miscarrying the List of particulars is not come to hand, but our Com^{tee}. of Shipping taking the matter into Consideration have provided severall Sorts according to the List enclosed being willing to encourage you in all your lawfull undertakings and shall take only 60 p̃. Cent profitt on the Invoice in Lieu of freight Interest & Insurance that we believe you will think your selves kindly used as the times are, the Money We would have you pay into our Cash within the time limited in ye said Parag: before mentioned, And as to the Proportion of each of ye Councills share therein We leave it to our Lieuten^{t}. Genll. to proportion that as he thinks fit, and shall expect that you supply what wanting in the Garrison at 10 p̃. C^{t} more but never to do that, but in case of absolute Necessity.

pay ye Prime Cost and 60 p °/o Adva. into Cash Supply the Garison at 70 p. Cent.

Mr. Bulkeley only to be Chirurgion at the Fort.

55. Among many other of our Supernumerary Servants, We find in the List recd. by the Sampson two Chirurgeons at the Fort, besides Mr. Tho. Fawcett whom we entertained for Bencoolen, whereas formerly we never used to have more than one Chirurgion there, and for more than one, we will never pay Salary, or be at any other Charge We are well informed how you first came to set up two Chyrurgions, but we hope the Differences in our Councills which first gave rise to that double charge being now ended We shall never again find anything of that nature get head amongst you, but to return to our Chirurgeon when we understood Mr. Heathfeild was dead and that you had entertained Mr. Hart as a temporary Chirurgeon in his stead, We resolved to supply you as soon as well as we could, and accordingly sent you five or six years since Mr. Bulkeley, one who was every way very fitly qualifyed to serve us by his large experience of India, as well as here, and as fit for prescribing Phisich as Manuall operation, and we suffered him to carry out an Apprentice, that so he might not complain for want of help, and therefore him and him only we resolve shall receive any Salary and Allowances from us, w^{ch}. we would have to be the same in all Acco^{ts}. as was granted Mr. Heathfeild or any other of his Predecessors, and the like needfull Assistants, and in respect to him, we are willing to allow him the Office of Coroner and such Perquisites therewith for sitting on the bodyes of any persons that shall come to an untimely end by casualty or otherwise as you shall think fitting to be paid by the Relations of the Deceaseds, considering the poverty of the generality of your Inhabitants, the usuall Fee here is 6^{s} 8^{d} but we think two Rupees is sufficient, where the persons are of Ability, And as for Mr. Brown, if it please God our Chirurgeon at the Fort or in the Bay or elsewhere should dye or be removed, we are willing Mr. Brown should have the first preference to such a vacancy, But we shall expect very good reasons from you for keeping Mr. Fawcett at the Fort, when we entertained him for Bencoolen, and that place is much more necessitated for such an Officer than you can ever pretend to.

with ye Allowances granted to others and to be Coroner.

Mr. Brown to have ye next Vacancy. Send ye reason why Mr. Fawcett was not Sent to Bencoolen.

Send Us a Calculate Vizt. what Factors are needfull in each Factory & how to be employ'd.

56. We have before in this Letter ordered you to send us a Calculate of the necessary Expense of each Factory under your Presidency Communibus Annis and that You may know our Meaning therein, we would have your Calculate especially to take notice of the following Particulars, vizt. What number of Factors and Writers are necessary for carrying on our Affairs at your Place and all Subordinate Factoryes, and what employment each person should be Assign'd unto. What number of Officers

and Soldiers are necessarily required & their particular pay there. What number of Peons and House Servants are requisite, and how employed, and their Monthly Wages. What Horses are kept at the Companyes Charge and their Cost. And we also require that the Purser of each Factory, send by every Shipping Copy of his Monthly Acco^{ts}. of Garrison Charges, Soldiers and Peons Wages and House Keeping w^{ch}. heretofore was punctually obey'd, when we had not ¼ of the Servants but of late has been neglected, It being our firm Intention not to allow of any Charges brought to our Acco^{t}. in our Generall Books of any Factory, unless we have ye Particular Acco^{t}. of the Pursers and Choultry Expences and Receipts sent us to examine the Vouchers, and see whether We have cause to make Exceptions to such Expences or any part thereof.

how many Peons and Servts. & what Wages, what Horses. also a Monthly Accot. of Charges Genll. Shall allow no Charges wthout Vouchers.

57. We have paid your Bill of Exchange for £541–2–11 drawn by you on us payable to Mr. Jn°. Davis, but by the Acco^{t}. of what Effects he had remaining in your parts, he finds it much short of what was expected by him to have been paid into our Cash, as by the Accomp^{t}. of what remains he had, which was formerly sent you, with his Lre. of Attorney to our President &c^{a}. a Copy of which Acco^{t}. and another letter of Attorny is now sent you by this Ship, and we would have you to Endeavor to recover & bring into our Cash from any person or persons what you shall find to be justly due to him, and if any one shall refuse to give you a just Acco^{t}. and to pay it into our Cash, That you do sue them in your Courts and oblige them to pay what is justly due from them to the said Mr. Davis, & for what you shall so receive to bring it into our Cash, and to draw Bills of Exchange on us for the value so received at 9^{s} p̄ Pag°. payable to Mr. Jn°. Davis at 30 dayes sight, which when presented to us, and advise from you shal be accepted by us & paid when due.

Mr. John Davis Letter Attorney Sent recover what due to him.

Draw Bills for ye Value at 9s a Pag°.

58. Herewith you will receive a Lre. of Attorny from ye Minister Church Wardens and Principall Inhabitants of Creed Church Parish empowering you to receive of Mr. Robert Masfen and Mr. James Luckings Exec^{rs}. of the last Will & Testament of Jn°. Jackson Mariner dec^{d}. the Sume of £100 being bequeathed by the said Jackson as a Legacy to the Poor of the said Parish of Creed Church w^{ch}. we would have you pay into our Cash, drawing Bills upon us for the Value payable, according to the intention of the Donor with the Interest from the time of payment.

Receive Creed Church of Parish Legacy drawing Bills on us paya. with Int.

59. We have ordered the Tavistock directly to your place and hope she will have so quick a dispatch and passage as to arrive with you time enough to unlade all her outward bound Cargo except £30,000 in silver; & then wth. all possible speed to be dispatcht into the Bay with the said Thirty Thousand Pounds or so much thereof in Rup^{s}. as you have ready by you to exchange for Dollars, not staying one day for Coynage, or otherwise being arrived in the Bay, We would have our Agent and Councill load home upon her the produce of the said £30,000, and as much more as they can procure at Interest, If they have not a sufficient Stock by them and thence hasten her up to the Fort, where we hope you will be ready with a sufficient quantity of Bales to fill her up for Europe, And that our Servants in the Bay may be in a greater readyness, give them an immediate Acco^{t}. Overland of her Arrivall, and of our Intention to have her sent home as soon as we can, which if it could be from you In January or February, We shall think a very acceptible Service, considering this is a very great Ship and her Demorage eats deep.

Send the Tavistock with £30,000 Value in Rup^{s}. &ca., into the Bay.

which being invested, &ca., let them return her to fill up at ye fort by Janry.

60. We have taken additional Security for Mr. Thomas Harris to serve us in the quality of a Factor and have sent you his Identure of Covenants & Bond for performance thereof, which being signed and sealed by him, you are to return to us.

Mr. T. Harris additional Security Sent.

61. In your last Books M M we find one John Nicks very greatly in our Debt to the amount of Pag^{os}. 6854–11 how it comes we cannot know, for it is made in the immediate foregoing Bookes L L here wanting, but why so much Money should be trusted in one Factors hands is strange to us, and make us suspect something of a Design in it, And the more for that not a Penny be received thereof in these your last Books, We do therefore highly recommend it to your care and Industry to recover that Debt upon Receipt of these with the Interest due thereon to the day of Payment, whereof we desire you not to fail.

Recover Mr. Nicks Debt of Pags 6854 with ye Ints.

62. You have had an ill practice to pay your own Ministers and Chirurgeons Salaryes at an unwarrantable way of about 8^{s} 5^{d} p̃. pag^{o}. whereof you have had severall Checks, but was never rectifyed by you, now we will not suffer it any longer and do hereby positively order that you pay all wages and Salaryes whatsoever at the rate of nine Shillings for every Pagodo, and no otherwise, & wheresoever any Salary shal be paid at any less rate than 9^{s} after ye receipt of this Letter the overpayment shal be charged to the Chiefs Acco^{t}. where ever such error shal be made.

Pay all Sallary's at 9^{s} a Pagodo.

63. And if any person in our Service by your or Subordinate Factories Books appears to be indebted, and doth not discharge it by paying in the Mony or accounting for it, such person must be suspended, and no Salary paid him, nor Dyett, or Mony for Dyett allowed till the Debt be discharged, and then but not before his Salary and Dyett is to begin again.

Suspend ye Compas. Drs. from Sallary and Diett till have discharged ye Debt.

64. We are informed that in your Books K K you charge to your Accompt Pag^{o}. 1525–19–4 for China Ware imbezled, which charge we do not allow, They being none of our Goods, but were returned to the Owners, who had the Confidence to invoice them to us, therefore order you, not only to recover these 1525 Pag^{o}. of them. But also the £2,065–9–10, which their Goods here yielded less than they were invoiced to us, as at large advised you by the Beaufort the 14th. Jan^{ry}. 168$\frac{5}{6}^{ths}$ And do hereby require you not to fail in Answer to this to let us know w^{t}. persons were interested in those Goods before they were invoiced to us, at that extravagant rate, also who hath paid their share or proportion of the Loss, and who refuses to do it and give us their reason, your answer herein we expect at large, that we may give you our full resolutions thereon.

Recover ye Pags. 1,525–19–4 due on China Ware embezled. and £2,065–9–10 due on China goods.

With ye Names of the Interesseds and who have paid their Shares

65. The 40 Ryalls per mensem which Mr. Hammon Gibbon claims as our allowance for his being Chief of that pernicious extravagant little Factory Indrapora, We do not allow of and must all be charged to his Accompt, and we would have it strictly examined before any more Mony be paid him thereon, being sensible, that we are grossly abused in it.

Charge H. Gibbons Accot. with ye 40 ryalls p. Mensem.

66. The extravagancy of Vizagapatam under the Management of Mr. Holcomb by their last Books L is insufferable for 3 or 4 Factors at most to spend 3902 Pag^{o}. in one year whereof 1304 is for their Servants Wages, We wonder, how they could have the confidence to do it, when their Investment is so inconsiderable To prevent it for time to come, we limit their expence to 600 Pag^{o}. p̃. Ann. w^{ch}. is to defray their charge under the following Heads as they are mentioned in their Books Viz^{t}. Dyett, Factors Provisions, Servants Wages, Stores and Garden besides 100 Pag^{o}. for Presents and no more without your speciall direction, We know no necessity for their two Horses and them of so great a Value as 250 Pag^{os}. they must be better Husbands, and keep within bounds and not give 40 Pag^{o}. for a Saddle &ca. It shall not be allowed, but is charged to the Chiefs Acco^{t}. So recommending you and our Affairs to the Guidance and protection of the Almighty We remain

Reduce Vizaga. Extravagant Expences to 700 Pags. a year.

we will not allow 40 Pags. for a Saddle.

Your Very Loving Friends.

Nath : Mounteney	George Bohun, *Govern^{r}*
Constant : Vernatiie	Wm : Sedgwick, *Deputy*
Jno : Du Bois	Tho : Rawlinson
Sam^{ll} : Ongley	Wm : Langhorne
Rob^{t} : Dorrill	Ben : Bathurst
Jno : Pery	Nath : Tench
Francis Eyles	Jer : Sambrook
Isaac Houblon	Jno : Fleet
Nath : Horneby	James Walker

Josia Child

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1697, RECEIVED AUGUST 17, 1698, FROM BATTAVIA PER SIRYAN MERCHANT.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *p.* 57.]

LONDON THE FIRST SEPTEMB^{R} : 1697.

OUR LIEUTENNANT GENERALL
PRESID^{T}: & COUNCIL AT
FORT S^{T}: GEORGE.

Wee have not as yet received any Packett or Advices from your Parts and therefore know not how to judge of our Affairs or to [add] any Directions to our larger Letters by the Tavestock Our Ship Russell Frigott being arrived at Cadiz with the Mary and America in Com[pany] of ffour of his Majesties Men of Warr and a Fire-Ship. However there being certain Advice come by Private Letters of a great R[ebellion] in Bengall, Wee have by this ship Nassau Designed for Bencoolen, [and] China, adventured a short Letter to Bengall which Wee Leave open, that You may see our Thoughts upon the present Exigency. We know not particularly what Directions to give at this great Distance, and uncirtainty of the truth & particulars of this Rebellion but think it highly necessary to improve the Present opportunity to gett ffortifyed Settlement in Bengall which Wee have so many years past been Endeavouring to obtaine, You will see by the Bengall Letter We have Limited the Fortification to our Factory only, being unwilling to lay out a great deal of Money at this time, considering our late severe Losses and Discouragements, but on the whole Wee leave it to you to give Directions & Orders as you shall see fitt upon the Advices you from time to time receive from thence, so commending you to the Guidance & protection of the Almighty We remain.

Yo^{r}: very Lov: ffriends
W^{M}: SEDGWICKE, *D. Go^{r}.*
[. . .] THORN
GEO: DODINGTON
JOHN FFLEET
BEN: BATHURST
THO: RAWLINSON
JE[REMY] SAMBROOK
[W^{M}.] WARD
NATHA: MOUNTENEY
SAM: ONGLEY
JN^{O}: RUDGE
JONATHAN ANDREWES
THO: FREDERICK
W^{M}: DES BOUVERIE

GENERAL LETTER TO BOMBAY, DATED JULY 8, 1698, PER OVERLAND.

[*Public despatches from England, Volume* 11, *pages* 61—63.]

LONDON THE 8TH. JULY 1698.

OUR GENERALL PRESIDENT AND
COUNCILL OF BOMBAY.

1. This comes to acquaint You of an Act of Parliament lately passed in relation to the East India Trade, which Act you will receive by the Nor[thum]berland Gally, intended to be dispatched speedily unto you. Wee think [it] necessary, to give you some account how the said Act was obtained [that] you will find it expressed, in the state of our Case enclosed. Viz^{t} [The Com]pany were prevailed upon, To make an offer of a Loan to the King [of] Seaven hundred thousand Pounds, upon an intimation, That they sho[uld] thereupon be setled by Act of Parliament exclusive of all others. The Interlopers upon this Proposall taking their usuall method of frustrating

of whatsoever had [been] offer'd by the Company for that end made an Offer to the House of Commons of raising two millions, upon an Interest of Eight ℔ cent & the Trade to the East [India] And notwithstanding the Compª. afterwards offer'd to raise the said sum, the In[ter]lopers yet further prevailed by their offers of raising the money, upon having the Trade free & not in a Joynt Stock And it being at the later end of a session [in] a very thin House, upon the pretence of Free Trade, & their engagement to ra[ise] two millions, they have obtain'd the Act; But althô it passed the House of Commons by a small majority, & likewise the House of Lords, where such great mony Bills are seldom to be opposed, Yet you will see the sense of many of their Lordships by the enclosed Protest, which Wee do not doubt will stand us in very good stead in the ensueing Parliament.

2. By the Frame of the Act you will perceive that whosoever shall write [any] sum of mony whether Corporations or private persons towards making up the [said] two Millions shall trade to India for so much Yearly as they shall subscribe and the Compª. are particularly to Trade for three years without comeing into such a subscription, or contributing anything thereunto, But if they will subscribe as a Corporation for so much as they intend to trade, then by the Act you will see they may still subsist & continue to trade, and you may [depe]nd upon it, That wee do esteem our Interest in India so considerable, that Wee will not omit anything which may secure & produce Us the best advantage of it, as well for the future, as the 3 years preserved by the Act.

3. Althô the title of the Bill is for raising two millions for the Government, & the settlement of the East India Trade, yet no provision being made for any stock for the carrying on & maintaining the Trade, Wee doubt not & that with good reason to make it appear to the next Parliament, which are now soon to be elected, that the scheme of the Bill is so far from setling the Trade, that it will produce only confusion & disorder & hazard the loss thereof, from [which] considerations, Wee doubt not but due regard to Justice & the [publick] benefit shall establish us on a better [footing] than ever. However what Wee would principally recommend to your care, and which is one great end of sending this early advice is That you pursue with the utmost diligence the faithfull management of all our concernes committed to you, & particularly to buy up & secure all the best & choicest goods you can [possible] most proper for these parts according to our late Advices, whereby the Interlopers are most likely to be disappointed, and you will be best able to load and dispatch home in their proper seasons the severall ships already sent, and such as shall be sent you from Us with such rich and proper [cargo] as you and all our Factors shall plainly see Wee resolve to follow the Trade to all parts in good earnest, and to make good & pursue the unanimous agreement and Resolutions of the generall Court held the 5th. instant, copy of which We send you here enclosed, which Wee doubt not but will give you great satisfaction and encouragement to continue faithfull and zealous in our service against all our Opposers.

4. Wee require you particularly to give no countenance or encouragement to Interlopers of any kind, and if you can discover any Persons in our service that do in the least aid or correspond with any of them, Wee injoin you immediately to dismiss such unfaithfull persons out of our service upon the first offence of that kind, And here wee must tell you, That if you have done your part in getting an exclusive Phirmaund, as wee doubt not but you had, since you had our orders to afford the Moors yearly Convoys, & to press for it, such a Phirmaund will very much facilitate our purpose, You cannot be so forgetfull as to omit leting the Mogul know how far the Compª: are serviceable to his People in affording them protection, while these Interlopers are no ways [en]gaged to any such assistance; This Argument well managed must needs be very serviceable to Us, and you may assure them Wee will on those termes continue it.

5. For ourselves tho' Wee have used our utmost diligence to prevent yᵉ. passing of this Act, thinking it our Duty, as well to our common Country, as to our own just interest so to do, Yet Wee are not dismaid at the passing of it, but rather invigorated to press on the Trade with our utmost ability and a very great stock, & to that end, Wee have resolved to send out a good number of ships for India this year,

of which you shall have a further account very speedily by the aforesaid Gally, this being an overland conveyance; and in the interim Wee desire you as aforesaid to secure and buy up all the Goods you can, to load our intended shipping, especially such as will turn to best account, the cream of yo^r^. Mar[ket] not refuse Goods such as have been formerly sent.

6. By the aforesaid Copy of our Generall Court you will see how unani[mous] the Comp^a^. are to continue their Trade according to their Charter, and this [their] unanimity has so encouraged all Persons, that Wee question not, but Wee shall overcome all our difficultyes; But even at last Wee can as before hinted have the same advantages which any others can pretend to (be they what they will) by this Act of Parliament.

7. So soon as these come to your hands, wee would have you write and [send] immediately to Fort S^t^. George, Bay of Bengall, & all other our Factoryes, [be]ing true Copyes hereof That their hands may be strengthened and themselves [en]couraged to a vigorous prosecution of our Affairs under their manage[ment] and a timely provision of Goods for the quick dispatch of our expected ships which will justly oblige Us to continue to you our favour and respect.

Wee remain
Your very loveing Friends
JOHN FFLEET, *Govern^r^.*
THO: FREDERICK, *Dep^ty^. Gov^r^.*
JOHN MOORE.
W: GORE.
SAM: DASHWOOD.
JOHN JOHNSON.
W^M^: SEDGWICK.
THO: COOKE.
GEORGE BOHUN.
GABRIEL ROBERTS.
[SAM: KEKEWICK].
RICH^D^: COCKE.
ARTH: MOORE.
RD: MOUNTENY.
W^M^: HEWER.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
WILL: HEATH.

GENERAL LETTER TO BOMBAY, DATED JULY 19, 1698.

[*Public despatches from England, Vol. II, pages* 65–67.]

OUR GEN^LL^. AND COUNCILL OF BOMBAY.

London y^e^. 19^th^. July 1698.

Wee did on y^e^. 8^th^. Instant advise you by 2 overland Conveyances sent via Merseilles and Leghorne of an Act of Parliament lately passed Entituled an act for raiseing a sume not exceeding 2 millions upon a [fund] for payment of Annuityo's after y^e^. rate of 8 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum & for settling the Trade to y^e^. East Indies, in w^ch^. Letters Wee acquainted you y^e^. severall steps taken in procuring [S^d^.] Act & what y^e^. purpose thereof was as you will better understand by a breviate of it accompaneying these.

Wee likewise informed you that Wee were not excluded from y^e^. Trade thereby but had a perticular Proviso expressing, y^t^. nothing contained therein sho^d^. be construed to restraine y^e^. Comp^a^. from tradeing to India till 7^br^. 1701, besides w^ch^. by y^e^. Frame of y^e^. Act Wee had equall Liberty w^th^. any others to come in for what sume Wee tho^t^. fitt into y^e^. common subscription, by vertue whereof Wee sho^d^. subsist from y^t^. time & enjoy all y^e^. benifitts of y^e^. Act equall w^th^. other subscribers, w^ch^. Wee y^n^. wrote you Wee sh^d^. not omitt to Imbrace esteeming our Interest In India too conciderable to lett goe any opportunity Wee might take hold of for our best advantage Wee alsoe gave you our thoughts of y^e^. scheme of y^e^. Bill as trading to an open Trade in the whole

[adventure] of it, however as wee then wrote you soe Wee againe repeate y^e^. same as the principall end of y^t^. & y^s^. Letter, That you goe on in a vigorous & dilligent management of our affairs under yo^r^. Care and buy up & secure all y^e^. best and Choycest goods you can proper for our markett, to w^ch^. end Wee shall send you out a suitable number of ships w^th^. large stores to carry on y^t^. Trade to y^e^. full and by such [timely provision] of goods you will be able to give [the ships] an early despatch [without] Lyeing upon Demourage w^ch^. is y^e^. fruit Wee expect to [reap] from y^e^. Resolucons of our Gen^ll^. Court accompaning our Lres aforementioned.

Another end wee had in our Eye when Wee resolved to send you out such full supplyes was to encourage yo^r^. steady fidellity and Zeale to our service & to strengthen yo^r^. hands when you sho^d^. see Wee were not likely to be at an End w^th^. y^e^. determination of our 3 year's for w^ch^. reason it is y^t^. Wee have since our said Letter by our Treasurer subscribed £ 3,15,000 to y^e^. s^d^. Act by w^ch^. meanes Wee have kept a way open to our settlements and secured a liberty of Tradeing yearly for y^e^. Sume at y^e^. expiration of our 3 yeares y^t^. y^e^. worse happen y^t^. can, but Wee hope for better dayes at y^e^. meeting of y^e^. next Parliam^t^. w^ch^. are summoned to sitt in August next.

In y^e^. mean time We wo^d^. have you often inculcate to y^e^. Gov^r^. of Suratt & other great men & y^e^. Mogull himself as you have opportunity what service y^e^. Comp^a^. doe their people in y^e^. Yearly Canvoy's afforded them, while the other English are und^r^. noe such obligation to protect them against y^e^. Pyratts & therefor to press him to an Exclusive Phirmand, on condition whereof it was engaged to send our ships for convoy's as afores^d^. but having pressed this soe much already wee shall say noe more here.

Neither need wee add anything to what formerly directed y^t^. you give noe Encouragement or countenance to Interlopers, such persons let their pretences be never soe specious pursuing an Interest opposite to ours and therefore no waye's to be assisted or corresponded w^th^. by such as eat our bread or pretend to anything of ffidellity for our service to enforce w^ch^. w^th^. arguments is but to question yo^r^. own reason or to light a candle to y^e^. sun wherefor Wee omitt it.

Send Coppy's of these to y^e^. Coast & Bay & all other our [factory's] Y^t^. they may understand y^e^. true matter of ffact & comport themselves in pursuance of our [own] directions abovementioned.

Wee can now tell you y^t^. thrô y^e^. goodness of God, Wee have arrived w^th^. us y^e^. Amity from Bencoolen, sometime since delivered of her Loading, y^e^. King W^m^. from y^e^. ffort now unlading in y^e^. River, y^e^. Sidney from S^d^. Place dayly expected from y^e^. Downes in y^e^. River, who left Charles y^e^. Second & [Keep her] on this side y^e^. Cape by her better sayling than they, their Commanders [etc.] the East India Merch^t^. & Chamber ffrigatt wo^d^. soon follow them, w^ch^. God send in due time in safety w^th^. y^e^. Sampson who was to be dispatched from y^e^. Bay & y^e^. Madrass from Bencoolen.

Write to ffort S^t^. George y^t^. they send us no more shirts ready made except on accident of Cloth happening to be damaged in y^e^. Companys hands: soe Commanding you and our affaires to y^e^. guidance and protection of y^e^. Almighty Wee remaine

Yo^r^. very Lov^s^. ffreinds
JN^o^: FLEET, *Gov^r^.*
JN^o^: MOORE.
W: GORE.
JN^o^: JN^o^SON.
R: AYNSWORTH.
GEORGE BOHUN.
W^M^: SEDGWICKE.
GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JA^S^: BULL
JONATHAN ANDREWS.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
RICH^D^: MOUNTENEY.
RICH^D^: COOKE.

GOODS PROPER TO BE PROVIDED AND SENT THE COMP^{a}. FROM THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL IN Y^{e}. YEAR 1698.

	Pieces.
Allejaes of a brisk red very much wanted	3000
Bettellees 20 yards long as fine as can be made	6000
Ditto 25 yards long of these alwayes 2/3 more than of the 20 y^{ds}. long they costing much one there will yield more Proffitt here ...	6000
Bettellees striped of all the variety of stripes Enclosed but they must be aboundantly finer and better condition'd than what was sent by the Mary they being very course and frayey almost useless ...	5000
Bettellees flower'd of variety of small flowers Birds or Beasts according to the Countrey fancy but upon good cloth	2000
Bettellees Oringall if good a quantity of	5000
Bettellees Sallows fine	4000
Bettellees Gunapore very clear of a strong wire thread	6000
Bettellees Comravill	5000
Bettellees Jornattana the best can be gott	5000
Bettellees Rowalae	5000
Chints Gulcondah upon good strong new cloth variety of works half upon white grounds half upon dark or red or green [20 at] least of one work	6000
Chints Brampore the same	5000
Chints Metchlepatam the best can be gott very much wanted 5 at least of one work	3000
Chints Madrass or Fort S^{t}. Davids very much to be encouraged ...	3000
Calloway poose very brisk red very much wanted	3000
Commeeses 20 yards long yard white the finest	2000
Dymmittyes fine of all the breadths that are made as yard, half ell, three quarters of a yard, wanted	2000
Callicoe Diapers the same fine	2000
Goaconcherulaes which is checker'd with white Red and Blew a quantity is wanted	2000
Ginghams white yard and half broad as also the fine sort of yard and half quarter broad	2000
Gingham sheets 3 yards long 3 yards broad	1000
Longcloth ordinary white and brown	20000
Longcloth midling	5000
Longcloth fine much wanted and none has been sent many years ...	5000
Longcloth blew good Cloth and deep dye a quantity	5000
Moorees ordinary	5000
Moorees midling	5000
Moorees fine	5000
Neckcloths usually made at Metchlepatam thick Cloth with stripes at the end and twisted fringes some red some white stripes	100000

These Neckclothes are very much wanted and must be procured a hundred thousand will vend from fifty for a Pag^{o}. to twenty for a Pagoda.

	Pieces.
Neckcloths of Madrass both Course and fine a good quantity some as fine as can be made and if it be possible near three quarters of a yard broad	500000
Percallaes white ordinary	4000
Percallaes midling	1000
Percallaes very fine	2000
D^{o}. Midling of a good blew	1000
D^{o}. brown	1000
Percallaes fine in Book	1000
Pallampores fine 3 y^{ds}. $\frac{1}{4}$ long 3 yards broad	1000

Pallampores ordinary of the same breadth	1000
D°. fine two yards broad & two yards ¾ long	1000
D°. ordinary	1000
Romalls Cotton fourteen Nailes square	5000
Ditto three quarters of a yard square briskest red and finest cloths can be gott	2000
Sallampores ordinary	20000
D°. midling	5000
D°. very fine a quantity of	5000
D°. midling a good blew	4000
D°. brown	1000
Sacerguntees brisk red and white	2000
Saderuncheraes the same	2000
Shirts ordinary white	3000
Shirts midling	3000
Shirts very fine	3000
Succatums fine	2000
Shirts ordinary blew	3000
Salpicadoes according to the patterns	1000

List of Fort Goods sent of late years from thence to y^e^. Company.

Betellees 20 Long.
D°. Strip't.
D°. 25 long plain.
Long Cloth ordinary.
D°. blew.
Moorees fine.
Neckcloths ordinary of Madrass.
Neckcloths fine.
Sallampores ordinary.
Shirts ordinary.
D°. midling.
D°. blew.
Ginghams.

List of Fort Goods proper [. . .] Europe Marketts that have not been sent the Company for many years past.

Allejays.
Bettellees flowers.
D°. Oringall.
D°. Sallow.
D°. Gunapore.
D°. Comravill.
D°. Ternattana.
D°. Rowalue.
Chints Gulcondah.
D°. Brampore.
D°. Metchlepatam.
D°. Madrass.
Calloway poose.
Comeeses.
Dymmittyes ordinary.
D°. fine.
Dyapers.
Goaconcherulaes.
Ginghams sheets.
Longcloth fine.
D°. Midling.
Mooress midling.
D°. ordinary
Neckcloths thick with twisted fringes.
Percallaes ordinary.
D°. Midling.
D°. fine.
D°. blew.
D°. brown.
D°. book fine.
Pallampores fine.
D°. ordinary.
Romalls Cotton.
Sallampores midling.
D°. fine.
D°. blew.
D°. browne.
Sacerguntees.
Saderuncharaes.
Shirts fine.
Succatums.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1697.

[*India office transcript, Letter Book Vol. 10, pp. 31–2.*]

LONDON 9TH FEBRUARY 1697 PER { MARTHA, THORNDON, FAME }

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL
OF FORT S[t]. GEORGE.

Since closing our larger Lres by the Ships now going out, We have rec[d]. an Overland Pacquett from Surratt dated in March last, advising us, that by Lres received from Madrass the December preceeding, The President and Councill acquaint them, that they had information Pepper was Two Shillings and six pence the pound in Europe, and therefore they were buying up all they could of that Commodity, which being now sold here from Thirteen pence to Fifteen pence per pound, We shall only add to what we have already said on that Subject, that we would not have you buy and send us any Pepper above our limited price therein mentioned, nor any Petre beyound the Charterparty till our further orders.

Buy no Pepper above our limited price. Send Petre only according to Chreparty.

We did in the 75th Paragraph of our Generall Letter by the King William advise, that we had given Captain Heath a Bond to repay him 200*l* in case the Sume of 800 Dollars which he had gotten into his possession from Capt. Francis Eldred belonging to the French Padres of Maccaw or Canton were not demanded to be made good by the Company within two Years after the War with France was ended, touching which matter you have given us no Answer, And forasmuch as those Sort of Padres have an extraordinary way of insinuating themselves into the Government of all Places where they come, and thereby have many opportunityes of doing us a Mischief, we would have you enquire into this, and if you find they have a right to it, to return them or their order what was so detained from them by Captain Heath, and for which Captain Eldred gave his Bill of Lading to deliver the same as they should direct, as you will find more at large in your Court Books in the year 1690, where this matter was judicially examined into at Madrass We are

Concerning he 800 $ belonging to ye Padres of Canton weh. Capt. Heath gott from Capt. Eldred & has ye Comp[as]. bond.

Your very loving Friends

THOMAS FREDERICK.	GEORGE BOHUN, *Governour.*
JOHN RUDGE.	WM: SEDGWICK, *Deputy.*
JOHN WARD.	THOMAS COULSON.
NATH: MOUNTENEY.	WM: DES BOUVERIE.
FRANCIS EYLES.	JONATHAN ANDREWS.
PETER DELME.	SAM[ll]: ONGLEY.
SAM[ll]: MOYER.	

[*Letter Book, Volume* 10, *pp.* 36–8.]

LIST OF GOODS PROPER TO BE PROVIDED, AND SENT Y[e]. COMP[a]. FROM THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL IN Y[e]. YEAR 1698.

	Pieces.
Allijahs of a brisk Red very much wanted	3000
Bettellees 20 yards long as fine as can be made	6000
Ditto 25 yards long, of these alwayes ⅔ more then of the 20 long, They costing much one there, will yeild more proffit here	6000
Bettellees Stript of all the Variety of Stripes inclosed, but they must be abundantly finer, and better conditioned then what was sent by the Mary, they being very coarse and Freisey almost useless ...	5000
Bettellees Flowered of variety of small Flowers Birds or Beasts according to y[e]. Countrey Fancy, but upon good Cloth & best you can ...	2000
Bettellees Oringall a quantity if good	5000
Bettellees Sallow fine	4000

	Pieces.
Bettellees Gunapore very clear of a strong Wyer Thread	6000
Ditto Comravill	5000
Ditto Tarnatana the best can be got	5000
Ditto Rowalue	5000
Chints Gulconda upon good strong new Cloth, variety of Works, half upon white Ground, half upon dark or Red or Green grounds 20 at least of one work	6000
Chints Birampore the same	5000
Chints Metclepatam the best can be got very much wanted, 5 at least of one work	3000
Chints Madaras or Fort St. David very much to be encouraged ...	3000
Calloway Poes very brisk red, very much wanted	3000
Commesees 20 y^{ds}. long Yard Wide the finest	2000
Dimityes fine of all the Breadths that are made as Yard & half Ell, and three Quarters of a yard broad wanted	2000
Callico Diapers the same fine	2000
Goaconcherulæs which is checquered with white Red and Blew a quantity is wanted	2000
Ginghams white Yard and half broad, as also the fine sort of Yard and half quarter broad	2000
Ginghams Sheets 3 yards long, 3 broad	1000
Long Cloth ordinary white and Brown	20000
Salpicadoes according to the Pattern	1000
Long Cloth Midling	5000
Long Cloth fine much wanted, and none has been sent many Years ...	5000
Long Cloth Blew good Cloth and deep Dye a Quantity	5000
Moorees ordinary	5000
Ditto Midling	5000
Ditto Fine	5000
Neckcloths usually made at Metchlepatam thick Cloth wth. Stripes at the end, and twisted Fringes some Red, some white Stripes. These Neckcloths are very much wanted, and must be procured 100000 will vend from 50 for a Pag°. to 20 for a Pag°.	100000
Neckcloth of Madaras both coarse and fine a good quantity, some as fine as can be made, and if it be possible near $\frac{3}{4}$ yard broad ...	5000
Percallæs white ordinary	4000
Percallæs Midling	1000
Ditto very fine	2000
Ditto Midling of a good Blew	1000
Ditto Brown	1000
Ditto fine in Book	1000
Pallampores fine 3 yards $\frac{1}{4}$ long 3 yards broad	1000
Ditto ordinary of the same Breadths	1000
Ditto Fine 2 Yards broad and 2$\frac{3}{4}$ long	1000
Ditto ordinary	1000
Romalls Cotton $\frac{7}{8}$ Square	5000
Ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Yard Square the briskest Red & finest Cloth can be got ...	2000
Sallampores ordinary	20000
Sallampores Midling	5000
Ditto very Fine a quantity	5000
Sallampores Midling a good Blew	4000
Ditto Brown	1000
Sacerguntes brisk Red and White	2000
Saderunchercies the same	2000
Shirts ordinary White	3000

	Pieces.
Ditto Blew	3000
Shirts Midling	3000
Shirts very fine	3000
Succatums fine	2000
Salpicadoes according to Patterns	1000

List of Fort Goods proper for Europe Market y^t^. have not been sent ye Comp^a^. for many years.

Allijahs.
Bettellees Oringall.
Ditto Sallow.
Ditto Gunapore.
Ditto Comravill.
Ditto Tarnatana.
Ditto Rowalue.
Chints Gulconda.
Chints Birampore.
Chints Metchlepatam.
Ditto Madarass.
Calloway Poos.
Commesees.
Dimityes Ordinary.
Ditto fine.
Diapers.
Goaconcherulaes.
Gingham Sheets.
Long Cloth Midling.
Long Cloth fine..
Bettellees Flowered.
Moorees ordinary.
Ditto Midling.
Neckcloth thick w^th^. twisted Fringes.
Percallaes ordinary.
Ditto Midling.
Ditto fine.
Ditto blew.
Ditto Brown.
Ditto Bookfine.
Pallampores fine.
Ditto ordinary.
Romalls Cotton.
Sallampores Midling.
Ditto fine.
Ditto Blew.
Ditto Brown.
Sacerguntees.
Saderuncheraes.
Shirts fine.

Succatums.

List of Fort Goods sent of Late Years from thince to the Company.

Bettellees 20 yards long.
Ditto Stript.
Ditto 25 yards long plain.
Long Cloth Ordinary.
Long Cloth Blew.
Moorees fine.
Neckcloth ordinary of Madrass.
Neckcloths fine.
Sallampores ordinary.
Shirts ordinary.
Do. Midling.
Ditto Blew.

General letter to Bencoolen, dated October 27, 1697, Per Trumball Galley.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol. II, pp.* 77-79.]

London the 27^th^. of October 1697.

Our Governour & Council
of York Fort att Bencoolen.

1. Our last to you was of the 23^th^. of July by the Nassau, Copy whereof is enclosed, since which, understanding that M^r^. Gough is hastening out an Interloping ship or two for China, in expectation of getting thither as soon as the Nassau, if not before her, Wee have resolved to do what in us lies, to prevent him or any others in those Licenti[ous] attempts, untill such time as the Parliament meets this winter,

wh[ich] wee hope will take that matter, into their grave Consideration sett[le] the Trade to India by an Act, Whereof wee have att present a better prospect, than at any time heretofore, since the commencement of the late War, And that We might the most effectually frustrate all Interloping to China, We have taken up this Ship Trumball Gally[an] Excellent Sayler, & freighted her with a considerable Cargo of about £ 20,000, vallue in goods & bullion, in hopes that she may reach Amoy with the very first of the Monsoon.

2. Wee have orderd her to touch in her way at your Place to take in such pepper, as you shall have in readyness in your Godownes or can procure within the space of ten dayes time, w^ch^. we hope may be enough to send her away a full ship, in regard wee wrote you by the Amity to be always stored with 200 Tons of Pepper on acco^t^. of such an Exigency.

3. For the Pepper you shall so load take the Cap^ts^. bill of lading, consigning the same for the Comp^as^. acco^t^., to M^r^. Peter Power & M^r^. Nath. Maidstone, whom we have appointed our Supra Cargoes on board this ship, & that you may be enabled to keep the said quantity alwayes on hand, We have ordered them to pay for what they receive, after the ra[te] of 12 Dollars ℔ Bahar,[1] This will enable you to replenish yo^r^. Godowns with fresh pepper, in the room of what is so taken out, by vertue of this our order, which wee would have you immediately to set about, and procure, that no ship of ours may want an early dispatch, after her arrivall in your Roade.

4. You will hear at large by the Supra Cargoes, & all ℔sons on board this ship, of the peace concluded, between England, Holland, Spain and France, & by the printed articles herewith sent, you will find that all Hostillities are to cease in the East Indies with 6 months after the [$\frac{10}{20}$] of September last the time when the said Articles, were concluded & signed att his Majesties Pallace of Reswick in Holland, so that We are apt to beleeve, severall Interlopers will endeavour in this first liberty of trade to be getting out to the East Indies, & perhaps some may be attempting to procure pepper, at or near your port of Bencoolen or other places on Sumatra, & M^r^. Goughs ship's as likely as any he having got Pepper last Voyage in the Sarah without our orders, which if it should happen, We recommend it to you, to use all possible meanes within your power to frustrate & disappoint them, not only by hindring them in our port of Bencoolen, but also in all other places on that Coast wherein we shall judge of your abilities & zeal for our service, by the successfullness of your endeavours.

5. Wee are sensible it is very easy for them to gett pepper without coming near York Fort or Syllebar, if they have you for their Secret friends, privately to help them, by the assistance, or under the colour of som Orunkey[2] or other Mallayan leading people, but what we now expect, & shall take notice of if effected is that they be totally defeated of their Expectations, returning Re infectâ & without Success, w^ch^. will be an evidence past all objection of your zeal for our service, It being very unreasonable that others who contribute nothing towards our vast charge for preserving the Pepper Trade, should run away with a share in the proffit of itt.

6. And that these our orders may becom the more effectuall We require you to furnish no ships, who shall com to you, under the name of ℔mission ships, & offer to pay our established duties, unless you have a very good assurance, that what they shall so buy up, is not designed, neither will be applied for the service of Interlopers, to which end We wrote by the Tavistock to the ffort, to give passes to all such ffree Merch^ts^. ships English or others, as they shall permit to trade, taking security from them, not to assist any ship not under our protection, whether Interlopers or others, least thereby they countenance Pyrats, who have very much of late, infested, the Indian, Persian, & Red seas, or else encourage[d] Interlopers, who are thô under another predicament almost as prejudiciall to our Interest, so that all such ships as have not those passes, do not com directly from our selves, We would have you look upon as destructive to us.

(1) From sanskrit *bhāra*, 'a load.' A weight used in large trading transactions; it varied much in different localities. In the Indian Islands the *bāhar* is generally reckoned as equal to 400 avoirdupois. *Hobson-Jobson*, p. 47.

(2) A person of distinction, a chief or noble. *Hobson-Jobson*, p. 47.

7. Wee shall order you to be fully supplyed from, the Fort by [the four] ships, which We are sending out, for the Coast & Bay, Namely the Martha Cap^{t}. Raines, 650 Tons, The Anna Cap^{t}. Bridges 350 Tons, the Fame, Cap^{t}. Betton 420 Tons, & a new ship not yet launched of 500 Tons, besides w^{ch}. we shall send four ships at least to Surat & Bombay, & on all of them very considerable stocks, to drive on the trade full & consequently most effectually to discourage & hinder Interloping, and having don our parts against those common Enemies to our trade, what yet remaines is that all our Servants who eat our bread do theirs also, which wee expect and shall reward accordingly.

8. It is highly necessary, that this ship reach Amoy, with the very [first] of the Monsoon, & therefore it is that We have directed you to give [her] a dispatch if possible in ten dayes, & would also have you supply [the] Supra Cargoes, with a good Pilot & Linguist for that place if procur[able] which will save her the time of touching at Batavia, but if you can[not] We have in such case ordered them to supply that defect by calling att Batavia.

9. We have by the Trumball Gally sent you som souldiers as ℔ list a[nd] hope to encrease their number, by the ships going for the Coast and Bay so soon as the Disbanded forces in Flanders return to us.

10. By a French ship, who returned to Port Lewis about July last, laden with pepper, which she got att Sumatra, & on the Mallabar Coast, & who departed Goa the November preceeding, there is a report com, that the People of Bantam, had made an Insurrection there killed the Dutch Generall, & expelled the Hollanders from that place, whereby the old King of Bantam had regained his Throne, & becom master of the Castle, what credit to give to this peece of News, wee know not but hope if there be any ground for it, you will have sent Immediate advice thereof either to the ffort or to us, as you had opportunity, it being of very great importance to our Service, so comending you & our affairs to the guidance and protection of the Almighty Wee remain

Your very loving Friends,

GEO: BOHUN, *Gov^{r}*.
W^{M}: LANGHORNE
JOHN FFLEET
JEREMY SAMBROOKE
THO: RAWLINSON
THO: COULSON
RALPH MARSHALL
JOHN HANGER
THO: FFREDERICK
SAM: ONGLEY
JOHN RUDGE
PETER DELME
JONATH: ANDREWS
NATH: MOUNTENEY.

P.S.—We can now, thanks be to God, inform you of the safe arrivall of the Mary, America and Russell, in the Downes, & the Fleet ffriggat from Galloway is dayly expected here.

GENERAL LEITER TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, DATED [?] 5, 1698.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol. II, pp.* 81—84.]

TO THE WORSP^{LL}. THE PRESIDENT
[&] COUNCIL AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

1. Perusing your books N. N. received by the Mary, I find that Journ. fol. 37 & 81 you [have] continued to credit severall persons for their sallaryes and advances of salary that are dismist [from] Comp^{a}. service, as James Sowden, Daniel Du Bois, John Foquet, Joseph Chapman & John [Hunch] and here we conclud that any Factor or Writer is suspended or Dismist both his salary and [allowances] till he be reinstated, and accordingly you are to act.

2. The Gold plate remaining by your books N. N. to the value of 376 Pag^{s}. should be disposed of [the] Company not allowing any such rich ornaments, and that acco^{t}. of Differences ought not to be put [away but] should imediately be cretically examined, and especially the silver acc^{t}. for the Company must not [loose a] penny by it. Its a shame that such an acco^{t}. should be seen and much more so long continued [and] the silver must be found out in whose custody it was when wanting. As alsoe the Allem Brimstone [Epsome] Sugar & Betteellees, its not enough for any one to say he received it not, if he entered on the Warehouse [and] made noe objection, he must be charged with the whole remaines—though not by the exact weight, [yet] the matter wherein some consideration may be had with you, and the Cash wanting must be [made] good by him that keept it, the China goods must be made good by the Adventurers that were come in it: when they put these goods on the Comp^{as}. acco^{t}. at those extravagant prices and this is expected to be done without any delay.

3. By your letter of the 19 October You say that you have paid Ensigne Hetchtetter with dyet [and] table to the time of his death . but Gov^{t}. you were not desired nor ordered to dyet, if the Company [pays] every Millitia officer, it must need increase your table charge, please so inquire who it was that [suggested] or promoted this piece of extravagancy.

4. You still continue the acc^{ts}. of several dec^{d}. persons in your books who are indebted to the [company] as J. Gray, J. Cheney, D. Gifford, R^{d}. Levison, T. Gray if you have expection that any of those Estates will be rec^{d}. by you to defray their debts You doe well to continue their acc^{ts}. in your bookes ; if you have not any hope for a recovery you do but labour in vaine to carry their aco^{ts}. from one book to another, Discharge them by our acco^{t}. currant, and as such as you can prevent [them] making of any more bad debts.

5. And that debt of the Redwood Merchants might or at least ought to be recovered [. . .] made but rarely retrieved, it is recommended to your care, as all others of that nature [. . .] all of them forgett not. Sarsapa &c^{a}. the minters China Vincatadry and Company [. . .] [Brickmaker] Ragguia by these books more in debt then before. The like with [Nino & . . .].

[6]. What your reason is to continue the Presidents debt of 111 pag^{os}. as Sea Customer, when on [some] other acc^{ts}. he remaines creditor, I cannot imagine. Is not this as if nobody had any inspection in nor direction over the books he that keeps the books should propose to the President and Councill what acc^{ts}. ought to be eavened or contracted, it is Properly his worke, and not let acc^{ts}. be [passed] from books to books under the notion of good debts and in seaven years hardly one in tenn is [either] recovered or eavened.

7. John Nix still remaines a debtor 6854 Pag^{s}. not one penny recoverd and when it will be I know not, but I hope you will think it worth while to look after so considerable a debt, but very lately made, he in being and by his wife posest of a considerable Estate, if you suffer [so] gross a cheat to pass, I cannot expect that you will ever recover the 198 Pag^{s}. of Peter [Russell] you made yourselves slighted by such kind of neglects, either make Russell pay it or [erase] such debts.

8. I find Mathew Empson a Sea Customer the 30th Aprill 1695 a debtor for Pag^{s}. 1704 : 22 : [fanams] and by your books he ceased being customer the last of Sep^{t}. 1694 and why the custome he [rec^{d}.] in ready money was not paid in the Companyes Cash in seaven months after I understand not.

[9]. James Wheelers acco^{t}. should be settled with you likewise all other persons acco^{ts}. that are deceased, when fully stated—and noe demands on their estates carry their credits to our acco^{t}. currant, that we here may pay it to their relations, as J^{o}. Halferds acco^{t}. J. Berriman. J. Watson. T. Surnock & W. Brewse.

[10]. John Foquets security will not pay one penny of his debt at Vizagapatam it being made for goods sold in trade (not for imbezlement or deceyet) and that (he sayeth) he was not security for [. . .] that you must recover his whole debt there or he must be discharged & sued for the payment of [itt].

[11]. Journall folio 40 you mention Pag^{s}. 47-14-4 as paid the 18 October to M^{r}. Mountegue [. . .] and Waller for $\frac{1}{2}$ y^{rs}. salary due the 29th. Sept^{r}. but your Accomptant might easily have particular[ed] how much was paid, to each person, and not to have trouble here to dive for it.

[12]. I doe not like the management of your new found acc^{t}. of silver coinage in December you deliver him the value of 6824 pag^{s}. of silver to coyne in rupees, and before he hath coyned [even] one half of it. You deliver him the value of 1695 pag^{s}. more. soe that this acc^{t}. remaine [. . .] pag^{s}. 5226: 27: 2 which is the high way to make a lame acc^{t}. and [*two lines lost*].

13. Pray consider to [what] little purpose [the redwood] Bees Wax and retaile it out every Mon[th in] single maund and Pounds, at the years end I find Your Profit is but Pag^{s}. [. . .] which [is not] so much as interest, soe that You have your troble for your paines if you cannot make betterment I think you had better [waive], Your acc^{t}. is so short in Charging Vizagapatam factory [for] pag^{s}. 19·9 and 10·9 and not mention for what.

14. Your boo[k]keeper needs not put strings or Ribones to the Journall & Leger as he did there it is a charge to noe manner of purpose.

15. Having now gone through your booke, I should enter upon Fort S^{t}. Davids but find [to] come the reason mentioned at the end of your Jourñ. They had not ballanced their books as yett. above nine months after their expiration your last letter being dated the 10 Febry 1695/6. Gen[erally] if you will suffer such neglects you are greatly to be blamed. The Accomptant ought to be dismissed and M^{r}. Hatsell should be checked to let such idle persons eat the Companys bread. they have works to doe, but it seems that little is a great deal to much for them: a reformation is very necessary in that place.

16. In the last Vizagapatam books M, I find M^{r}. Samuel Owen indebted pag^{s}. 270: 32: 3 whereof 263 pag^{s}. comes from their foregoing books L but the begining of this debt comes from their books I where his debt was above 300 Pag^{s}. and since reduced to these 270 which he ought to pay into the Companys Cash with the country interest ever since it was first of all [impressed] to him being 300 pag^{s}. when he had noe occation to disburse one quarter of it; for he [drew more] on the Comp^{as}. acc^{t}. all that year then he laid out please to take care this money and interest be received.

17. Joseph Chapmans debt of pag^{s}. 364: 33: 4 is likewise recommended to your recovery [in full] or at least soe much of it as upon re-examination you will find him indebted.

[18]. They have in Vizagapatam books an acc^{t}. unknown, for a chest marked C S it comes [from] their foregoing books L and there they doe not say that anything is in it, if nothing, it is not worth while to keep an acc^{t}. for an empty chest, if it contains any goods—let them be sold or valued, and the whole placed in Credit of the acc^{t}. Currant till such time somebody comes to make a demand of it, When it must be paid.

19. The pag^{s}. 109·24 owing on Vizagapatam towne farme old acc^{t}. ought to be recovered if possible. but I find the new farme by these their Last books 363 pag^{s}. in arrears [unless] they have paid the rent before due, if it cannot answer the rent they give for it, They ought not to continue it and for the other their doubtful and desperate [debt they should be] well inspected and if no hopes of recoveryng any part of it as the great Mogull[. . .] ought to be discharged the Le[d]ger and only mentioned on first leaf before the [. . .] for a memorandum, but that great debt of Candula Anca Chitty &c^{a}. for 6493 [pagodas] be continued as it is, for doubtless something will be recovered thereof, which [must be] recomended to their care.

20. As they manage their affaires they will make Baikera Punda's debt of 85 pag^{s}. as others for so much he owed at the begining of their books and noe loss at the [. . .] and Caragas 4 pag^{s}. ought to be received. it is for 3 yards of Broad Cloth in 1691 [In] books I they ought not to trust such triffling things, if they that want it and not pay for it, they should goe without.

21. Buddy Narran & Comp^{a}. owed at the begining of their books 13176 Pag^{s}. and at the [end] of it they are indebted 15640 pag^{s}. yet in all that time did not deliver above 19010 [pagodas] worth of Callicoes soe that he hath the use of about 14000 pag^{s}. to provide cloth for [nothing]

22. Sheck Hossan & Company, I find in a worse condition: they owe by ballance of the last books M Pag^{s}. 1448: 35: 3 it comes from their books J the 3^{d}. Nov^{r}. 1691 when [52. . .] were impressed to them to invest, which in all this time they have not done, but [are in] debt. which (if it be not already) may in time prove a doubtfull or Desperate as [they] have. please to recomend it to them to secure this debt one way or other: they should [be] cautious, considering they made that great debt of Candula Anca Chitty and [also] that of Buddy Narran inclines that way, but wish I may be mistaken.

23. Last year I had cause to complaine of the Extravagancy of Vizagapatam Factory. I have perused their books M concluded April 1695 and find that they have great[ly] their house expences & servants wages, thô their presents are reduced 1066 to 208 in the books L they had but 3 Factors for one half year & 4 Factors for the other half when books M they had 4 factors & 1 writer then they charge 530 pag^{s}. for dyet & Factors [for] in these books they charge butt 348 pag^{s}. for dyet and nothing for Factors provisions [but] they carry to the acc^{t}. of Charges gen^{l}. to the amount of near 500 pag^{s}. that are [. . .] besides 240 pag^{s}. paid monthly by R^{d}. Bridges in which he [. . .]concluded soe [that] of the [. . . pag^{s}.] they [2 lines lost] charges extraordinary it might be proper there to charge [*a few words lost*] their dayly & monthly charges as they have done by those three art. You will see their [style] of housekeeping and it is something suteable to their charge of servants wages 1443 pag^{s}. [. . .] there own wages payable in England & India is but £105 and for them to have the [. . .] to charge £655 for their servants wages, is almost incredible. I hope by this time you have reduced them to a great deal of moderation, for their expence and other charge besides charges of merchandize, the Interest of their stock and bad debts they make considerable is 30 ℔ C^{t}. on their Investment which is a great burthen, more then the trade will [bear] therefore their charge must be reduced and espetially their servants wages if the [company] allowes yearly 200 Pag^{s}. for it. it's more then enough: there extravagancies of serv[ants] must not be continued, under the notion of their liveing to the grandeur of the [comp^{as}.] the Comp^{as}. Honor. Glory & Interest is, to trade for many goods and to pay currant [yearly] for what they buy, which they will be the more capable to doe, if these extravagancies are taken of, Gov^{t}. consider these things and well weighed. I doubt not but you [will] wane this silly Indian Glory, and reduce al that vast vaine charge both with you, Fort S^{t}. David & this Vizagapatam.

24. Your Accomptant as he hath the inspection over all your subordinate factories [etc.] ought to give them direction wherein they err. M^{r}. Owen [signes] the jour̃n, but M^{r}. Holcombe should first sett his hand to it as Chief & then M^{r}. Owen as Accomptant; and soe wth. you the President should first sett his hand to your books and after that he that keeps [the same] let it be M^{r}. Hilman or any other; and this must be observed in all other your subordinate factories, Vizagapatam is much out in their Alphabet, Whereon they place many [acct^{s}.] on letter A which doe not belong to it. as Place acc^{t}. Building acc^{t}. etc^{a}. John Foquet they place of J. Tho. Stables on T. Betteellees striped on S. F. Dasilva on F. these errors your Accomptant should give them notice of, and I desire you will please to incorage him soe to doe, that all things may be brought in a good method, w^{ch}. will be easie to you there and us here.

25. Chuttanutte[1] charges your Presidency wth. 50 Rup^{s}. as paid you by Cap^{t}. Browse at Mad[rass] they say not when, but their Jour̃n. ℔cell is dated October 1693, please to examine [itt]

[1] *Chuttanutty* was one of the three villages purchased in 1686 for the East India Company (when the agents found their position in Hugli intolerable) to form the settlement which became afterwards the City of Calcutta. The letters from this establishment to the India Office down to 27th March 1700 are dated from *Chuttanutte*, which covered the site of the present native town, i.e., the northern quarter of the City. *Hobson-Jobson*, p. 221.

26. In your Jourñ M. M. fol. 38 the 11 Octob^{r}. 1693 You charge Bay of Bengall [with] Pag^{s}. 10 [. . .] for redwood sent by them by the Tan[ckerd] (being pag^{s}. 2–10 overcast) which Bay Books M M [. . .] bring in credit of the acc^{t}. Currant as consigned them by the Tanckerd. but (say they) not as yett arrived and in the same Journ 33 [. . .] they charge the same cargoe to the acc^{t}. Currant for (say they) that ship not arriveing is thus brought back, Yet you continue the same charge still on the Bay soe that I know not what it means, being that Vessell was not cast away, but was last year [. . .]in being; please to let it be examined & rectified where the mistake is committed, I [am] apt to think that the ℔cell by you rec^{d}. in journ N. N. 22 was delivered in lieu of it for nothing is paid thereon.

27. In my opinion you doe not well to charge 5 per cent on all goods that goe to the [Bay] all goods consigned thither from hence. You ought not to put any charge thereon nor [with] such goods espetially lead consigned to you, which you continue in the ship, to be returned to you by the same, for it makes work and confusion.

28. Your Accomptant hath not managed well that acco^{t}. of R^{d}. Trenchefeild &c^{a}. freighter of ship Armenian Merchant. he ought to have charged them with the whole freight [deducted] of them then credit them for what they paid, next for the Pag^{s}. 263:34 allowed them [by the] Court of Admiralty. when it would have been vizible how they came to be indebted [to] 36:1 and by makeing the acc^{t}. Currant D^{r}. to the freighters for the 263 pag^{s}. he [would] not have had occation to have fremed that aco^{t}. of owners of ship Armenian Merchant for as it is it was to no manner of purpose. another error he hath made in place of R^{d}. Trenchfield in the Alphabet on letter R it should have been on T which ought to know.

29. Being M^{r}. Richard Trenchfield is with you please to take notice that by the [Compa^{s}.] books from the Bay O O concluded April 1696 he remained indebted to our master Rup^{s}. 38437:6, which comes in that individual summ from their Books G. G. H. H. 16 [. . .] but most of it from books E E 1687 now above tenn years standing. therefore desire on receipt hereof you will make him pay it. if he be not willing he must be sued. and when you [are about] recovering his old debt forget not the new pag^{s}. 36[. . .] which ought to have [been paid] before the conclution of your books N. N. for [I] find President Higginson [included] in it as a freighter and by an acc^{t}. of [the] ships voyage to China [... but] not when formed by M^{r}. Stileman [. . .] have credit for these [... in] Cash.

30. Trever Games rema[nded] in your books for Pag^{s}. 248:11 oweing by [him] [*two lines lost*] your books G.G.H.H., & LL, with those from Aprill 1695.

32. Upon examination of the Tavistocks Invoice to you I find severall mistakes therein comitted in the two Chests B & D the Perticulars you have hereunder viz^{t}.

		lb	oz.	cw^{t}.
Chest D. Ingott No. 19 w^{t}.	...	20	8	17
22	...	4	2	14
23	...	3	2	14
24	...	3	1	3
		31	3	8

all said to be worse 2 Carrotts 0¾ grains and accordingly reduced them to lb. 28: 2: 1. 12 grains, but upon a revieu find all those four Ingotts no [more] then 2¾ grains worse, which makes them to be standart lb. 30: 3: 13: 12 graines so that [we] have in the Invoice short.

Charged you	lb. 2.	1. 12.	...
Ingott N°. 26 w^{t}. 3. 7. 18.12 gr. said to be standart. but I find the essay makes it better 1 Carr. 2¼ grains w^{ch}. comes to oz. 3. 2. 9. g^{r}. being likewise short charged		3. 2. 9.	
Short charged ...	2.	4 14.	9

Chest B. bag N°. 8 w^ts^. lbs. 20. 5. 15. 12 gr. said to be duccats & accordingly made better then standert 1 carr. 2 gr., but that bag contained nothing but Pistols being just standert so that the betterness is an overcharge in the Invoice being ... ...℔. 1 4. 15. 3

On the same Chest B. Ingot N°. 8 w^t^. ℔. 12. 6. 12 said to be better 1¼ gr. when by the Essay I find it was but ½ gr. better soe that here we have overcharged you 1. 5 16

1. 6.—[...]

Remaines short charged in the Invoice ... ... ℔.—10. 13 [...]

which at 85 gr. ℔ oz. comes to £ 45. 7. 8 and so much is since charged to your acc^t^. w^ch^. I desire you will answer in your books to our favoir.

33. In your last letter by the Mary dated the 10th Febry 1695/6 parag : 10 you say that the Governour had furnished the ship Sara with 300 Pag^s^. on Cap^t^. Rowdon's & M^r^. Astly's which I think was not verry well done, but suppose they will not be charged to the Comp [as]. acc^t^. for no such bills were here rec^d^. nor paid to any that I can here of.

34. Last year in the 35 paragraff I intimated to you that M^r^. James Watson [was] indebted in the Bay about [1800] Rup^s^. which acc^t^. is since stated so that noe charge [is] there on him, therefore you need take no further notice of the caution I then gave.

35. By Ballance of the cash Fort S^t^. Davids books D M^r^. Rich^d^. Blackwall is th[ere] indebted pag^s^. 11. 22. 5 for severall goods delivered to him at severall times [conforming] to the generall rules, if it be not paid when this comes, please to cause that [person] to pay it with interest. or forbid him to practice and if that will not doe let [him be] sued and please to give M^r^. Hatsell a caution not to make debts in that nature [if] any body desires to have a small parcell of Cloth or other goods, let them im[mediately] pay for it, or deliver nothing out.

36. By your consultation of the 2^d^. Sept^r^. I find you pay the surgions men a salary I know not whether it be an old custome, but I am sure it ought not to [be] continued it is enough for the Company to pay one Surgion Without dyet [and table] not two and their men besides.

[*No signature.*]

London, the 5^th^. February 1697/8.

General letter to Fort St. George, dated May 7, 1697, Received per ship Tavistocke, November 22, 1697. [*Public despatches from England Vol.* II, *page* 85.]

Our Lieuten^t^. Gen^ll^ : Presid^t^ : & Council at Fort S^t^. George. London the 7^th^. May 1697.

The Court of Committees having appointed George Bohun Esq., Governour, S^r^. John ffleet, S^r^. Jeremy Sambrook, Aldrãn Tenche, M^r^. Ongley, M^r^. Eyles and Captain Andrewes or any four of them to be a Secrett Committee to direct y^e^. return of our

homeward bound ships, You will herewith receive orders from them accordingly, which we require you to observe as if the same were signed by all of us We are

Your very Lov : ffriends

GEORGE BOHUN, *Govr.*
WM : SEDGWICKE.
THO : RAWLINSON.
[NATHANIEL TENCHE].
JNO : RUDGE.
JOHN HANGER.
F : EYLES.
PE : DE[LME].
ISAAC HONBLE[...].
THO : COULSON.
JOHN MOORE.
NATHA : MOUNTENEY.
WM : DES BOUVERIE.

SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED MAY 14, 1697, RECEIVED PER SHIP TAVISTOCKE, NOVEMBER 22, 1697. [*Public Despatches from England Vol.* II, *page* 87.]

OUR LIEUTT. GENERALL PRESIDT. AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

LONDON THE 14TH. MAY [1697].

There is Intelligence lately come from [Gumbroon] a ship of 400 Tons and 30 Guns called the Hannaball in the [service] of the Royall Affrican Company arriving on the Gold Coast Commander and Chief Mate thereof, were seized on by [the men] of the Officers and Ships Company, and Putt on shore, and [thence] carryed away, and it is suspected that she goes on a Piraticall [raid] for the East Indies as was done by Every and his accompli[ce] Charles the Second [to] Fancy whereof Wee think fitt to ad[vise] You, that you may give notice to all our Factories, and [the] Commanders of our ships that they be very cautious to [prevent] any surprizall or Inconvenience by them, We are

Your very Loving Fr[iends]

Sign'd by ye. order of the Govr.[&cs.]
Ro : BLACKBOURNE.

SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED MAY 4, 1697. SENT PER TAVISTOCKE.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *page* 91.]

OUR LIEUTEN : GENLL : PRESIDT : AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

LONDON 4TH. MAY 1697.

We have advice, that the three ships formerly in our service, Viz. the Defence, Resolution and Success, which were unfortunately taken and carryed into ffrance, are newly refitted and painted after the English [men of War] and setting forth from Port Lewis as Men of War for the East Indies, resolved to put out English colours, thereby the more easily to deceive and surprize such of our ships as they shall happen

to meet with, we think fit to give you notice thereof, To the end you may inform the Commanders of our return [of the] ships of their being abroad and caution them for preventing their fa[lling] in with them or be taken by them, We remain.

Your very Loving ffriends
Signed by order of the Gov^{r}: and Committee.

Ro: Blackborne,
Sec^{y}.

General letter to Fort S^{t}. George, dated January 26, 1698. Sent per Ships Martha, Fame, Thorndon. [*Letter Book, Vol.* 10, *pages* 12–18. (*India Office transcript.*)]

London the 26th. January 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Our President and Council
of Fort S^{t}. George.

Our Instructions to you are p^{t}ber whereto refer. wt. Letters unanswerd.

1. Wee have wrote you so fully and particularly in our Instructions directed to your Selves nominatim, accompanying these, that We have much the less to reply to your severall Letters remaining unanswered of the 10th February 1695 30th 7ber. and 19th October and 8th November 1696 received by the Mary and Russell which Ships with the Fleet Frigott from Bengall, and the America from Bombay are some time since through Gods Mercy arriv'd in Safety.

What Ships & stock Sent to the Coast & Bay.

2. We have now ready to go into the Downes the Martha 625 Tons Cap^{t}. Raines Com̃and^{r}. The Anna 350 Tons both bound for Bengall, and to be laden home from thence directly, they have 110 Chests of Treasure, and some Goods on board for that place, Besides w^{ch}. the Martha has 30 Chests of Bullion consign'd to you, and with her the Thorndon of 500 Tons Cap^{t}. Petre Commander, and the Fame of 420 Tons Cap^{t}. Betton Com̃and^{r}: are also ready to Sail directly for Fort St. George with 50 Chests more besides Goods for Particulars whereof we referr you to their Invoices.

Expences at Anjengo very lavish.

3. To begin with yours of the 10th February We observe, That you have supplyed Anjengo with the requested Stores and Workmen and about 5000 Pag^{s}: in Money and are raising a Stock for Private Persons Accounts to procure what Pepper is there to be gott, whereto we say, that it seems to be the only Intention of Mr. Braborne to lavish away our Estates on Stone Walls and Fortifications, while the main busyness for w^{ch}. he was sent thither and eats our bread lyes neglected, namely to lay out our Money in Pepper, to fill up our Ships, with whose Produce we might return fresh Supplyes, wherefore we do utterly forbid his proceeding any further in those Fortifications till our future Orders, In the mean time do you acquaint them with this our Order and command them, to use the utmost frugality they can in laying out our Monyes in ye necessary expences of the Factory and retrenching our Charge there, the better to enable them to buy up the more Pepper for our Accots, and Ours only, which they may as well do for the Company as Private Merchants, And therefore we absolutely prohibit any private Merchants or others, besides the Company to have any Pepper there, lest otherwise We should have that very Pepper imposed on Us, and Money found to pay for it, at $\frac{d}{5}$. to $\frac{d}{6}$. a pound, when you could find none to purchase it at the first hand, As to the Danes lading Pepper, we should be glad if our Servants could prevail with the Queen to hinder them, and think it a good peice of Service but if not, there is yet less reason for our running into fresh Charges of Fortifications But of this we shall write more to Bombay.

forbid their laying out more.

let none have Pepper there but the Company.

hinder the Danes trade there.

4. We don't understand the Meaning of your 10th Paragraph of furnishing the Sarah with 300 Pag^{s}: for Seamens Necessaryes, unless it be that the Governour Mr. Higginson did it on his own Accot: Sure we are you had no direction from Us for so doing, nor any thing to give Rise for the Encouragement Mr. Gough mett with at your Place, So that you may thank your Selves if you go without the Commission for the Dyamonds he brought from thince, For we can't oblige him to do it, being under no Charterparty Covenants with him or his Owners, and he positively refuses allowing a Farthing, nor can we see any reason for giving Cap^{t}. Rawdon or Mr. Gough our private Instructions especially after his making so light of them as you inform Us.

Concerning the Sarah and Mr. Gough encourage no Such Ships hereafter.

5. Cap^{t}. Oyles' pretence about his Slaves we shall adjust with his Owners here the Charterparty allowance for himself and Ships Company respects only Goods to be brought home and put into our Warehouses according to the Indulgence of trade allow'd here.

Shall adjust with ye Owners about Capt. Oyles's Slaves.

6. The Paragraph relating to Mr. Frasers controversies with the rest of the Councill, we shall answer hereafter, in the meantime we shall add only this that those Dissentions, and the great neglect of our true Interest has occasion'd the sending over our now President to enquire into and regulate all things that have been amiss there, however, we shall expect a better reason, than we can understand at present why Mr. Fraser since he refused to sign the said Letter would not vouchsafe to give us an Accot: of the Motives inducing him to stand in opposition to all the rest of our Councill.

Concerning Mr. Frazer's controversyes.

7. We come now to yours, dated the 30th September 1696 being Duplicate of ye Generall Letter by the King William not yet arriv'd, as to the Provision of Painted Callicoes, and other fine Goods procurable in the Inland Countrey, we have told you our Mind in the aforesaid Instructions to you our now President & Councill whereunto, we referr you, As to Pepper brought Overland, we wrote you more at large by the Tavistock Copy of whose Letter comes herewith, wherein you will also find our repeated Orders for withdrawing Tonqueen Factory, which we confirm and hope they are before this complyed withall, and a strict Enquiry made, and sent us, what is become of our Estate there, whereof at present you give us but a very dull Accot: Take what care you can to see right done us, and all our former Orders sent by S^{r}. John Goldsborough, and since, touching Mr. Keling fully executed.

By ye Tavistocks Lre. enclosed have wrote about Inland Pepper.

and withdrawing Tonqueen.

8. We observe the promising hopes you have of Bencoolen, as now settled by Mr. Barwells prudent Management, and expect you will cultivate it to ye utmost of your Power from time to time, his ingenuous Letters from thence by the London Frig^{tt}: and Amity we rec^{d}. and return'd answer unto, Copy whereof we sent you by the Tavistock, as we now doe of what since wrote by the Trumball Galley, and Nassau to that Place, We have also by our present Instructions recommended to yo^{r}: Particular Care the Encouraging our Settlements on Sumatra, for which reason we need say the less here, if you are but as faithfull and industrious in pursueing our directions, as we have been earnest in prescribing them, You have done well in supplying Bencoolen so largely with Stores Money and Provisions, we would have you continue so to doe, requiring our Chiefs there to be as frugall and as good Husbands in mannaging our Stores and Estates, and reducing their expences, and as carefull of all our Peoples healths as they can, But not to divert any of our Estate from buying up of Pepper upon needless Fortifications or other dead Charges.

Copy's of Lres. to Bencoolen Sent.

Encourage ye Sumatra Settlemts.

Send them full Supplys. Order them to be frugall.

9. By this Ship Martha we send you five Chests of Dollars for Bencoolen when they shall want it, to buy up Pepper, supply them also with Longcloth or other Goods to barter for Pepper, at the rate you mention, as much as they can vend. Whereby we gain more than by Dollars sending the residue in Silver, that they may never want fit tools to work with all to encrease the Pepper trade, the other Methods you propose of allowing the Rajahs $\frac{1}{2}$ $ per Bahar we approve of, as likewise of Encreasing the Topass Soldiers pay to 3 $ per mensem, remember them of our former Orders to keep 200 Tons Pepper always in Store.

Send ye Martha's Chests of $ ot Bencoolen also Longclo: &ca.

allow ye Rajahs & To passos as you propose.

Expell Mr. Betts for not finishing the Accots. &ca.

10. Mr. Betts did very ill in quitting our Service, before he had finished the Books of Accots: at York Fort, and ought not only to refund that part of the Gratuity at first advanced him, but to be expelled our Service, and we expect, he is so, except he give you Satisfaction for so great a Misdemeanour.

Mr. Barwell & Butterfields gratuity approv'd. hereafter let it be in Money.

11. We approve of Mr. Barwells, and Mr. Butterfeilds good Service, and think you have done well in giving them a Gratuity for it, But the Modus of granting them any of our Freight, we can't again allow of resolving to keep that entirely to our Selves, Therefore when ever you see fitt to gratify any persons for their Extraordinary Services doe it in a Sume of Money plainly at once, That we may know what it really amounts unto, and not in that secrett way of Freight, whereby under the pretence of one Ton, It is very easy by Connivance to bring 3 or 4, and it may be you your selves never the Wiser.

Serapa's Contract &ca. approv'd.

12. Your making a Contract with Serapa and others during the unsettled Condition of your Joynt Stock Merchants we approve of as indeed we do of any Method, that will but procure Us great quantityes of Goods and Good of the Soil, but having wrote you so largely in our Instructions touching this Matter, and your laying in Provisions for the Fort as your next Paragraph mentions, We shall add no more here on those heads, but referr you thereunto.

French Ships return'd.

13. The French Ships you write of are returned into France without any Booty, and with very little Goods.

Shall Send no Sayes & but little Cloth that you may Sell wt. you have.

14. We are sorry the Sayes prove so bad, we shall send you no more of them, and but very little other Woollen Goods this Season, and those only according to the Sorts and Colours wrote for in your Lrẽs you received last That you may have the more time to dispose of y^{e}. large quantityes, yet remaining in yo^{r}. hands, We have sent you some Lead in these Ships as you will perceive by their Invoices.

Concerning the Ship Fortune.

15. We have received your Papers and Accots. relating to the Ship Fortune, about which possibly we may hear more from Surratt, when our Ships Benjamin and Tonqueen who were at St. Helena in October last and suddenly expected do arrive, if soe you will hear further from Us concerning her.

16. The Error you mention in the Invoice by the King William is only in the number of the Chest which should have been noted No: 81 in the Invoice as well as it was on y^{e}. Chest.

Concerning Anjengo

17. As we wrote you before, we will have no more Money laid out at Anjengo in Fortifications, till we give order for it, and therefore put a stop to that extravagent prodigall humour of Mr. Brabournes in lavishing away our Estates there.

and the Slight Accot. you give thereof.

18. We observe in January you sent them Stores Workmen and about 5000 Pag^{s}. in Money, and they have also taken up of the Freighters of your Ship Eagle to the Value of 4153 Pag^{s}. more, Besides which they write for further Supplyes of Money, Workmen and Souldiers wch. you say you have and are sending them, But not one word what Pepper is procured therewith, nor that the Fortification is yet begun only that wth. you 9000 and odd Pag^{s}. They are getting Matters in readyness against the Arrivall of the Workmen to carry on the Fortification with Expedition when begun, We can't but wonder you should give Us this Account or pass it over without a Suitable Animadversion, it looks to Us as if he was contriving all the Wayes he could to squander away our Estates, and to draw your ready Cash away by amusing you with the Pretences of a Fortification which you own is not as yet begun, let him know our Just resentments of this Extravagancy and order him to put an immediate Stop to it, But as to you It had looked somewt. more tollerable, if you had advised us, That you had received Pepper from thence for our Accot. to the amount of that 4153 Pag^{s}. drawn upon you since the Proposall in your Letter dated the 10th February seems to intimate as much unto us.

19. We are sorry for the many ill Accidents that has befallen your Shipping and have done what in us lies to put a stop to the many Pyracies of late committed in the Indian Seas by prosecuting such of Everyes Crew as were found here, sever^{ll}. of whom have been executed, and by representing to his Ma^{ty}. the Instances of the Mocho

Frigott and Josia Ketchees being runaway with by their Men, and ye others Informations of Pyracies rec^d. from Bombay &ca. We have reason to believe We shall have some of his Ma^ts. Men of War go out with our Surratt Shipping this Spring to root out the Pyrates from their Settlements near Madagascar and to visitt the Red Sea, Gulph of Persia and Coast of India and seiz on all such Pyraticall Villains as they can meet with all there.

Expect Some Men of War will go to clear the Seas of Pyrates.

20. We referr you to our Instructions now sent you for answer to your severall Paragraphs, relating to the Bettel Tobacco and Fishing Farmes to be sure that way which best pleases the Inhabitants and is not detrimentall to the Growth of the Comp^as. Revenue is most eligible.

We Shall approve your Methods for raising ye Revenues wch. best pleases.

21. We have various reports touching the Rebellion of the Rajah in Bengall our Agent and Council write Us, as you also do we suppose from their Information, That they keep in with both Partyes and appear Enemy to neither, but that in truth they incline most for the Mogol, and the Nabob by a Lucky Accident of his People routing some of the Rebells by our Factory, believes our Agent and Servants to be entirely in his Interest, That the Dutch and French have openly opposed the Rebell who threatens to be revenged on them, But by some of the People arriv'd on the Antelope just come into the River, we hear that the Dutch have acted more like Politicians, preserving a better Interest with the Rajah or Jemidar perswading him, that what they have done was only in their own Defence, and in the meantime have so strongly fortifyed themselves as to defy the attempts of either side, and have set up and declared for themselves, while the English have but very slightly secured the Factory, and by too soon declaring for the Mogoll have incensed the Rebell against them, past all Reconciliation, We know not what Creditt to give to this report, nor consequently what to advise you thereupon, only this, write to them to secure themselves to get their Fortifications well strengthened and regularly made having so good an Opportunity, And if possible to offend neither Party, nor side with either, but carry it swimmingly towards both, and if necessitated to declare themselves To do it in such a Manner as will admitt of a fair Excuse to the other Party, if ever they happen to Question them for it, having mentioned the Antelope, we must tell you that It is strongly reported here, she has a considerable quantity of Goods on board belonging some say to our own Serv^ts. Others to English Free Men, that live within our Protection, Enquire Strictly into the truth of it, as we shall do here, and if you find any of our own Servants w^thin your Presidency concerned therein suspend them our Service immediately, and write down to our Agent to Bengall, that we expect he make the like Examination and punish the guilty accordingly there. If any of our Free Merchants be found tardy, put their Covenants in Suit against them, Copy whereof with the Bond of £1000 to performe them you have enclosed, and send them home for England.

Reports about ye Rebellion in ye Bay.

Order ye Strengthning our Fortification there, & to carry it evenly with all.

Enquire what of our Servts. have goods on ye Antelope & punish ym If free Merchts Sue their Bonds.

22. This is now a trying time, Interlopers having broken in upon us, and will discover who are heartily devoted to our Service, and who are Secrett Abettors and Encouragers of the Interlopers those Common Enemyes to the Good of the Trade of India whether our own present or Quondam Servants expelled for Misdemeanors or Others that live within our Priviledges and under our Protection, Be they who they will that you find have any correspondence dealing or Commerce with Interlopers or are in the least faculty, proceed against them to the utmost according to their demeritts, If our own Servants, suspend them *ab officio et beneficio* if Free Merchants or Others within our Jurisdiction suffer them not to nestle there like Vipers to gnaw out the Bowells of those who give them being, at least a well being, but send them home, or do what you can to root them out of India, and to discourage and perplex them there, and as we would have you proceed against all Persons who shall secretly or openly favour Interlopers, we expect the like Zeal in you against such Interlopers as shall presume to come on ye Coast or in Bengall or at Sumatra, use your utmost Endeavours to frustrate and disappoint their Voyages either by proper Presents to the Govern^r: of the Countrey or any other prudent wayes, which may tend effectually to discourage and defeat them, though at some expence to Us, Let this be a standing Rule to be alwayes observed in all places within your Presidency, and let our Agent and Council in Bengall know that we expect the like from them also.

how to treat ye Compas Servts or free Merchts who assist Interlopers.

Or Such Interlopers as do arrive.

Encourage Such Methods as procure most goods in all Places.

23. The King William not being arriv'd, We know not what to say at present to the sever^{ll}. last Paragraphs of your Letters referring to the Dyaryes, Consultations and other Papers about Vizagapatam, Fort St. David and other Matters therein mention'd, But are glad to hear the busyness at Vizagapatam goes on currantly, and do approve of your giving ye Merchants and Weavers, full and constant Employ, and your early care to disappoint Interlopers if any should attempt to come into those Parts, what way so ever you find best for procuring the greatest quantity of Goods, whether Monthly Contracts or otherwise that follow our Care is for full Supplyes the Modus of getting them must be yours.

Let All our Accots. be yearly Sent with duplicates.

24. It is very acceptible to Us to read the Vizagapatam Books of Accots. and Dyaryes are kept with due diligence & to your liking and sent us home, you must give the like Directions to all Places within your Presidency, that our Accounts be yearly sent Us and not suffer'd to run behind hand, sending Duplicates by next Ships for fear of Miscarriage.

We leave it to you to make the French Padre pay quit rent or not.

25. As to the French Padres refusing to pay quitt rent for their Garden, we leave that to our Now President and his Councill to consider and doe therein as they shall think fitt the Consultation relating thereto not being come to hand.

The Moors carriage at St. Thoma Shows ye Benefitt People have by our Protection.

26. The Account you give Us of the Portugeez Fidalgoe and their servile Condition under the Moors Government is an unanswerable proof, that S^{t}. Thoma is not likely to prejudice Fort St. George by its Neighbourhood, So as that any Persons under our Protection worth any thing would to escape paying our Dutyes desert Madrass to inhabit there, It is the free Enjoyment of Liberty and Property that makes our Territoryes worth courting were the Taxes double what they are, there being no danger of the Capricio's & changeable humours of every Domineering Avaldore, and doubtless the Moors are the same perfidious insulting imperious Tyrants in all Places as at St. Thoma.

Suffer no English to Stroul about ye Countrey.

27. You did well to endeavour Satisfaction for Gullocks Escape, It must be your Endeavour, That all English in India be under the Government of our Presidents Agents and Councills and not suffer'd to stroul about the Country which alwayes ends in Pyracy or one Mischief or other.

Cast up all Sallarys at 9s a pago.

28. We observe That Ensign Hockstetter (whom we entertained here at £ 3 a Month 40^{s} whereof to be paid there, and 20^{s} to his Wife) rec^{d}. in lieu of that 40^{s} 9 Pag^{s}. 30 Fan^{s}. which according to our Book rate of 9^{s} Pag^{o}. is 43^{s}-6^{d}. This makes us see yet more reason to repeat our Orders by the Tavistock, That all Sallaryes and Wages be paid only in Pag^{s}. at 9^{s} a Pag^{o}. as we cast up all Sallaryes here, which we will have hereafter strictly complyed withall, and finding by the said Letter, he had Dyett at our Table w^{ch}. is contrary to our Intention, We do hereby direct That blame worthy Practice be never again introduced, and shall expect to hear a better reason then we can yet imagine for beginning it now.

Let no Ensign have his Dyet as Mr. Hockstetter had.

Concerning Mr. Peachy. Adjust all Our Servts Accots when first out of our Employmt.

If they are Drs. recover of their Effects.

If We, give Us a Speedy Accot.

Mr. Du Bois &ca. Bonds lost.

29. We must not take any Excuses for disobeying our Orders so long since given for recovering our due from Mr. Peachy, the p̃nt reason we can't Judge of for want of your Letters to Bengall, however take this for a standing Rule in all Places under yo^{r}. Presidency, when any Person is out of our Service either by Death or dismission, proceed immediately to the stating and adjusting such Persons Accot. and receiving wt. due from him, if Debtor out of his Effects upon the place, never putting Us upon Sueing the Security here, if any way recoverable there, which is an Answer to your next Paragraph about Mr. Du Bois and Mr. Foguett, whose Bonds by the Berkeley Castle being miscarryed with the Ship proceed in the abovesaid method with them. But if it be that any person be dead, and we are indebted to him, take care his Accot. be settled and send us advise thereof, by the next Letters that his Relations here may receive what due, it being a shame for Us to Answer the Executors & Adm^{r}. We have no Books from India by which we can make up their deceas'd Relations Accounts.

We Shall demand Mr. Chapmans pags. 100.

30. Mr. Chapman is in England, and lately put in his Petition to have his Accot. stated, we shall before that is done take notice of the Debt of 100 Pag^{s}. in yo^{r}. Books, however, in time to come take care that all such Accounts be settled and adjusted in India where they first arose.

31. We are hea[v]ily sorry for the Death of worthy Mr. Elliott, but it behoves us alwayes to submitt to the Divine will, we have elected another to assist Mr. Lewis at the usuall Sallary of £ 50 per Ann. and £ 50 per annum gratuity. Vizt. Mr. James Wendy a person well recommended to Us for his great Vertue Sobriety and ministeriall Abilityes he takes Passage on one of our four Ships bound to your Parts. Mr. Wendy Minr Sent to Supply Mr. Elliots place under Mr. Lewis.

32. When we rec[d]. your Accot. of the Tryall of Claudius Mason and what evidence you have against him in proof of his villanous Correspondence with the French We shall give you our further thoughts upon it, in the meantime, you do very well to discover such secrett Enemyes to their common Countrey. Concerning Claudius Mason.

33. We approve your Design to frustrate Nellacontes Perwanna for the sole Vend of Beetle in the Method proposed you must never suffer anything of that kind to grow upon you, but remove it one way or other, The Greedy Moors will readily catch at any thing for their advantage, and you must give them as few handles as you can. Approve your frustrating Nellacontes perwanna.

34. You will see by the Charterpartyes of our Coast and Bay Shipping, we have agreed to pay but £ 11 per Ton for all the Salt petre laden on them above the 16 per C[t]. if the Captains require any more, And It having pleased God to send Us the long wish'd for Peace, So that there is no necessity of keeping large Stores lying dead in our Warehouse, besides which Saltpetre being at present but a dull Commodity On all these Accots. we do Order and require, that you load no more then the said Limited proportion except so required by the Capt. as aforesaid, Take care all our Ships be dispatch'd within the time limited by Charterparty the want whereof often subjects Us to 4 Months Demorage according to a Covenant there in, and puts the Owners to a dead loss in Wages and Victualls both which by a timely Dispatch might be prevented. Send only ye Chrepty Saltpetre unless the Capt. desire more. Dispatch Ships in Chrepty time.

35. We have entertained Mr. Benjamin Fox Nephew to our Governour to serve Us as a Writer at Fort St. George, he is well recommended to Us on which Accot. We would have you give him all due Encouragement by your Countenance and favour on all Occasions, continueing him at the Fort under the Eye of our Presid[t]. and Councill and not remove him to any other place unless by our speciall Order. Continue Benj[n]. Fox Writer at ye Fort.

36. There goes on the Martha Mr. Symon Musgrave Son to S[r]. Christ[o]: Musgrave a very hon[ble]. Gentleman and very good Friend of Ours, he desires to reside as a free Merchant at Fort St. George, And we have readily consented thereunto, requiring that you give him your Countenance and Favour, whenever he apply himself to you, He is a very good Merchant, having been bred up in Italy for severall years, but is at present a Stranger to India, If there happen any Vacancy in our Service within your Presidency and he desires it, It is our pleasure, and we do accordingly order, That you entertain him therein, giving us an Accot. of your so doing that we may have Security as usuall here. Encourage Mr. Musgrave free Merch[t]. entertain him if a Vacancy.

37. By Ship Martha in Chest No. 122 which goes consign'd to you at the Fort, there is a Bagg of Dollars No. 437 containing 1264 peices of $\frac{8}{8}$ belonging to Mr. Marshall one of the Gentlemen of the Committee and sent by him to his Son Mr. Tho. Marshall at the Fort for his better Subsistance, to whom you are to deliver it, his name is also writt upon the said Bagg, And in case of his Son's Mortality to take it into our Cash and charge Bills upon us for the same. Bag of $ Sent Mr. Th. Marshall.

38. We have duly consider'd the 12th Paragraph of your Letter of the 30th September and in Answer thereunto say, when any Cloth happens to be damaged in our outward bound Ships, We would have you give to each Commander the refusall of such damaged Goods at the Invoice Price only, he paying down ready Money for the same, which if he refuse to do, then do you adjust the dammage with him, And charge it to the Ships Account advising us thereof, and we shall settle the same with the Owners here. how to agree with Comanders about dammaged Broadcloth.

39. You will see by the inclosed Copy of Mr. Trenchfeilds Petition, that he desires his Brother Mr. Richard Trenchfield may be readmitted into our Service, we are well satisfyed of the truth of the severall Allegations, therein mention'd, he being

Entertain Mr. Trenchfield as he merits.

under a fair Character, and therefore do recommend him to you to entertain & employ him in such a Post as you find him deserving on the first vacancy, The like we say as to ye Bay, if any place happen there, wherein you think he may doe us good Service by reason of his long experience of Bengall, write down to our Agent and Councill that it is our Order, he be entertained therein.

hasten ye Martha with Redwood to ye Bay.

40. Hasten the unlading the Martha as soon as possible, and send her down with her Charterparty Proportion of Redwood to Bengall that our Agent and Councill, may have time before them to give her an early dispatch to Us.

We continue your Council at present independt. of ye Genll.

41. We have that intire Confidence in our now President and our Councill as they are or wil be established by vertue of our said Commission, that we will not have any Alteration made therein by our Generall under whose Controul all our Settlements of India are put by his Commission untill we hear how our said President has proceeded by which we shal be able to make an Estimate, whether this Independency of your Presidency shal be continued or returned again to a Subordination to the Generall of India.

Receive into Cash Mr. Bewleys Effects.

42. Upon the desire of Mr. Rich and Mr. Barnes, Executors of Mr. James Bewley dec^{d}. We would have you receive into our Cash all such Estate as he dyed possest of advising us thereof that the same may be made good to his Exec^{rs}. accordingly who affirm that he carryed a very considerable Stock along with him. So commending you and your Affairs to the Guidance and Protection of the Almighty We remain

Your Loving Friends.

Peter Delme	George Bohun, *Governour.*
John Hanger.	Wm: Sedgwick, *Deputy.*
Francis Eyles.	Wm: Langhorne.
Sam^{ll}: Ongley.	John Moore.
Th^{o}: Frederick.	J: Sambrooke.
Jn^{o}: Rudge.	Thomas Rawlinson.
Nath: Mounteney.	Benjamin Bathurst.
Wm: Des Bouverie.	John Ward.

General letter to Bombay, dated August 26th [1698]. Sent per Northumberland. Received June 1st 1699 per Neptune. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *pp.* 95–98.]

London 26th: August 1698.

[Our] Generall Councill [of] India Residing at Bombay.

1. Wee have received your Generall Letter of the18th: December and 25th: January last by the ship Charles Second and Scepter in which you give us a very full and satisfactory account of all our affairs But wee shall be briefer at present in our answer because we cannot now give you so full a state of our resolutions as we may be able to doe after the meeting of the New Parliament which is to assemble suddenly from whom we hope for more countenance than we had from the late Parliament.

2. The next thing w^{ch}. we think is necessary for us to acquaint you with is, that notwithstanding the unkindness of our adversaryes to us, who we think have mistaken the true interest of their country, God has been so mercifull to this Company (as he has been often under their severest Afflictions) as to arrive unto us the following ships viz^{t}. the Amity from Bencoolen, the King William and Sidney from the fort, the Charles 2^{d}. and Scepter from you and the Sampson from Bengall and we have hopes to heare of two or three more very speedily all which are and will come to a very good [state].

3. By the Coppyes [of] our two former Letters which you have Enclosed you will see how farr we had then proceeded since which a considerable number of our present Committee and Adventurers [are chosen] members of the Ensueing Parliam^{t}.

4. In the former Letters we wrote in generall termes that you should make all the provision possible for the speedy loading of the ships designed for your place. Now we think fitt more ꝑticularly to give you certaine knowledge [of] the numbers of ships Tonnage and stock we resolve to [send] upon them [which] you will perceive is intended [to be] in ready money and [supra] Cargos and we think it [that] you in generall to provide Goods as in a former [letter] ꝑticularly what [gott] at every [place.] Our end wherein is not to tye you precisely and numerically to so many and noe more of each sorts but that you may be provideing before hand such goods as cannot be Immediately had when our money arrives to pay for them but you may make a positive agreement with the merchants what prices to pay them and lett them if they desire it for their greater security [keep] the goods in their owne hands or the keyes of them in our [own] house untill they are actually paid for ffor w^{ch}. ꝑticulars in every place we referr you to the List enclosed which compute as neare as we can to the Tonnage of our ship for all places and the stock we are possitively resolved with blessing to send upon them of w^{ch}. you have likewise a List and we would give you the names of the ships and Committee but that we have not yett agreed with all of them.

5. Wee doe the rather presse this preparation before [hand] because besides the reasons you have in the former Paragraph [we] are apt to think the new society as they now call themselves [will] probably send a ship or two to Suratt next spring and if they should if you have bought up the Gruff Goods beforehand they may possibly find none in Towne to lade their ships when they arrive or if they doe find any in the merchants hands of Sura[tt] they must give an exhorbitant price for them which will for [ce] us to do the like at that time of our buisnesse as aforesaid but not in Effect done before they and we shall arrive together.

6. Wee question not but you will be making all the provision you can of great quantity of the goods menc̃oned in our said Lre that when our ships arrive they may have a quick dispatch and not lye upon Demorage which you must avoyd in time to come.

7. Since [Colt] is now our President of Suratt whom we have reason to [hope] will be faithful and obedient to all your orders write you the truth of every thing clearly without wrapp[ing] up misteryes in a [letter] of voluminous words which we would never understand [fully] and what we did understand in parts never found ꝑformed. We hope your orders will be better complyed with there hereafter for it is only upon soe doing that M^{r}. Colt can Establish himselff in our good opinion or in that great Post for which end send him a Copy of this Paragraph Verbatim.

8. We have an extraordinary opinion of the fidelity of M^{r}. Ep[hraim] Bendall thō it was [his] misfortune once to be engaged in a contrary Interest to [us] and we think well of M^{r}. Robinson because he is one of your [owne] chooseing tho' we have not heard so much of his former [reputation] as some of us have known of M^{r}. Bendall.

9. [*a few words lost*] you have continued Chiefe of Gom[broon] will be [able to] discharge his trust prudently and honestly untill the arrivall of M^{r}. Burwell whom wee take to be an Extraordinary goodman and has acquitted himselfe very well in every station wherein he has beene employed in our service.

10. Wee cannot too often Inculcate to you what was wrote in the 20th. Paragraph of our Letter to Surratt by the Thomas, Mary, and Russell Dated the 10th. of March 1697/8 concerning Dungarees Pantkaes and the necessary lengths and breadths and goodness or finenesse of Callicoes with respect to the Dutyes here we repeat noe more of the Paragraph because we would have you turne to it and take notice of it yourselves as well for what is made at Bombay as what you buy at Suratt.

11. Wee have sent you all M^{r}. Afflecks papers concerning [the] losse of his ship London by the Arabs tho' you know a great deale already of that ffact. If you can doe anything for him in a fair way we heartily recommended him to your care but wee will have noe warr if we can helpe it till we have tryed our skill in trade with the new Society

12. His Majestie hath beene pleased by his Royall Charter [dated] the 13th. Aprill last to grant us Lycence to give ℔mission to all persons to trade in Diamonds, Pearle and other Jewells, musk [Bezoar] Ambergrease and Goastones, so that all our own servants [and] others have liberty to trade therein as you will perceive by the Inclosed Copy of our Genll. Court held thereupon, upon wch. termes you may ℔mitt the sending home any of those Comodities upon Our ships And whereas severall Gentlemen have informed us that they have Effects in India which they would be glad to have returned according to the Condition of the said recyted Charter wee give you Liberty so to doe they paying you the permission money before shipping off the same and you giveing us advise what you so receive from each perticuler person.

13. Wee haveing had application made to us in behalfe of Mr. William Mildmay one of our ffactors at Suratt by some very [good] ffreinds of ours that he might be advanced in our service and understanding that he is well skilled in Callicoes being bred a Lynnen Draper and has behaved himselfe well hitherto which we hope he will still continue we would have you give him such Encouragement in our service as he shall be found to deserve.

14. Send home the Northumberland Gally a full ship with a good and proper Cargo and with as much expidition as you can she being an excelent sayler and it being of great Importance to us to have an account from you as soone as [possible] the true state of our affairs there and you having so large [a] supply by [her] cannot fail of goods sufficient and those of the best sorts to load her home in a very little time after her arrivall.

15. Wee have been so greatly burdened wth. Demorage as you will perceive by our former and latter Letters that wee cannot so often Intimate to you to Dispatch all our shipps within the time lymitted in Charterparty with the Cargos sent and intended to be sent will Enable you to doe since you can never want sufficient ladings while the Port of Surratt is open and you have money to purchase them with all. Wee must therefore never admitt of any Excuse for keeping our Shipps in the Country on Demorage but recommend it to your care to dispatch them at farthest by the 20th. January after their arrivall or as much sooner as possible, Except only such shipps as the Governour shall oblige you wth. the ffrench and Dutch to send for Convoyes to Mocha according to the Mogulls orders; so Commending you and our affairs to the Guidance and Protection of the Almighty Wee remaine.

Your very loveing ffreinds.

JOHN FFLEET, *Governour.*
THOMAS FFREDERICK, *Deputy.*
SAMUEL DASHWOOD.
WILLIAM GORE.
HENRY JOHNSON.
JOHN JOHNSON.
RICHD: COOKE.
RICHD: MOUNTENEY.
WILLIAM PRICHARD.
JONATH: ANDREWES.
WILLIAM HEATH.
JAMES BULL.
JOHN HERNE.
SAMll: KEKEWITH.
JNo: MOORE.
WILLIAM HEWE=R.
JOSEPH CHILD.

In Pursuance of an order of Court of the 19th. Instant, I have here sett down the prime Cost and Charges of the Indico lately brought home on the King William, & what the same was sold for Viz[t].

	lb.	£	s.		£	s.
[...] Indico fine q[t]. 711 cost is 11½ d p £		£34	3	Sold 704 at 2: 6½ ℔ °/₀ Disc[o].	£70	8 –
					4	11 6
3 years Interest at 6 ℔ °/₀	...	6	3		65	16 6
Freight of 6–1–11 (12 a Ton) 34 Ton.	£ ℔	17	19 9	Loss near 11 ℔ °/₀	12	4 9
Custom & Additionall duty	...	17	15 6		£78	1 3
Charges Generall	... ...	2	– –			
		£78	1 3			

There were likewise 2 Chests rec[d]. by the Mary & sold in Dec[r]. last prime Cost about 7 d (same charges as above) sold at 18⅛ d will com out rather worse, w[ch]. is humbly submitted to the consideration of this Court.

London 24th. August 1698.

W[m]: Thorowgood.

To the Hon[ble]; George Boun Esq[r]. Governo[r]; & Comittee for Affaires of the R[t]: Hon[ble]; English East India Comp[a];

The Pet [n]. of John Coventry Humbly Sheweth.

That Yo[r]: Pet [r]. having served & lived und[r]. the Protection of y[e]. R[t]. Hon[ble]. Comp[a]. ab[t]: Eighteen Years at ffort S[t]. George & having recd. very great Injurys from & oppressions by as well y[e]. Late Governo[r]. Yale as by the Corts. of Justice & others there, the former whereof, tho advised Yo[r]. Hono[rs]. ℔ Dorothy Anno 1692 could never heare any thing in answer thereto, nor could your Pet[r]. till now gett home to make his Application to yo[r]. Hono[rs]. therabout; & whereas yo[r]. Pet [r]. und[r]stands there is a shipp now going to the place of his abode w[ch]. he was forced to leave through Oppression as aforsaid.

Yo[r]. Pet[r]. humbly Desires yo[r]. Hon[rs]. will take it into yo[r]. serious Considerations & appoint such ℔sons as you shall Judge most fitt to inspect & examine the state of Yo[r]. Pet[rs]. case & make report thereof to yo[r]. Hono[rs]. that your Pet[r]. may be Capable by the Tavestock Either to goe himselfe or transmitt some Acco[t]. of his Condition to his family for y[e]. better ordering of his affaires at ffort S[t]. George.

& Yo[r]. Pet[r], as in Duty bound shall pray etc[a].

To the R[t]: Worp[ll]. S[r]. Jeremy Sambrooke &c[a]. Gen[l]. of y[e]. Comittee appointed by y[e]. Hon[blr]; y[e] Govern[r]. & Comittee for Affair[s] of the R[t]; Hon[ble]; English East India Comp[a]. to inspect & Examine y[e]. case of Jn[o]. Coventry.

R[t] Worsp[ll]. &c[a].

S[rs].

To insert y[e]. manner of my Dismission y[e]. Comp[a]. service, (since 'tis their pleasure uncontroulable to take in & putt out whom they thinck fitt) were here needless, shall therfore proceed to y[e]. Reall Damage, I have recd by y[e]. Comp[a]. Serv[ts]. & Corts at ffort S[t]. George & Elsewhere as foll[o]. viz[t]. [Janry]

Arthur Seymore having built a shipp at Madapollam & sending her a voyage to Tennassaree or Elsewhere she was taken und^r^. English Colo^rs^. by y^e^. King of Siams
Serv^ts^. he being then at Warr w^th^. y^e^. Comp^a^.; Sometime after Cap^t^. Consett in y^e^.
1688 Berkley Castle retooke this shipp & Seymore knowing thereof adress'd himselfe to y^e^. Cort. of Admiralty ab^t^. y^e^. same & Did there (S^r^ John Beggs being Judge) obtain a Judgem^t^. that said shipp should be Deliv^d^. to him or his Assignes he paying salvage mony for y^e^. same & to validate y^e^. more this Judgem^t^. the Presid^t^. & Councill of Madrass did in a Postcript of their Gen^ell^. Letter to y^e^. Agent & Councill of Bengall & write & order them to Comply w^th^. said Judgem^t^.

This Done they now wanting mony to pay the Salvage mony, & Cort Charges he offer'd me y^e^. shipp w^ch^. was then in Bengall River in y^e^. Comp^a^. Service in y^e^. warr, & he & I agreeing that I should take her at all Hazzards I paid him w^t^. agreed on & tooke a bill of sale for her & had the same Registered by the Register of S^r^. John Biggs Cort. w^ch^. I tho^t^: to be a sufficient title, in that Government but soe it was, (S^r^.
(2 Ffebry 168§.) Jn^o^. Biggs & I having afterwards some Difference, w^ch^. caused me to leave y^e^. Cort. after I was in quiett Possession of y^e^. shipps 5 or 6 months, when she came to Madrass road, would not ℔mitt her to goe out of the same untill I signed a bond of 500 Pag^[s]^. as security y^t^. the first Proprietor should pay some Certain Charges Expended by y^e^. Comp^a^. on said shipp w^ch^. rather than let my ship Lye still in y^e^. Road at Charges, w^th^. part of her Loading aboard was forced to signe, after w^ch^. went to Trangabarr & thence
April 7, 1690 to Atcheen in said shipp & after y^e^. shipp came to Madrass, S^r^. John Biggs being Dead y^e^. May^rs^. Cort. Embargoed my shipp on Acco^t^., of that bond w^ch^.Defended as may appeare by y^e^. Process, & after they had given an Erroneous Judgem^t^: I acq^ted^: and Complained to y^e^. Presid^t^. of y^e^. same at w^ch^. he ℔tended to be scandalized & told me that he would Erect a superiour Cort. in few Dayes, to w^ch^. if appealed should have
July 2d 1690 Reliefe w^ch^. accordingly Did, but instead of Reliefe he order'd me Either to pay ab^t^: 500 R^s^. or that the shipp should be seized for y^e^. Comp^a^. use w^ch^. accordingly was Done after 6 months Lying in y^e^. Road $\frac{3}{4}$ Laden Expecting every day to saile upon a very
2dly hopeful voyage, w^ch^. to fitt her for cost me a great Deale of mony in Madrass Road When this ship was seized & had freighted another to carry my Goods to Bengall notw^th^standing had w^th^. some difficulty procured a pass from y^e^. Presidt
7ber 90 of ffort S^t^. George &^ca^. the Chiefe of Ballasore would not owne my goods w^ch^. forced me to write to Agent Charnock & notw^th^standing his Letter had a great Deale of trouble & was at a great Expence Ere I could cleare them at the Custome House, w^ch^. being done w^th^out y^e^. assistance of y^e^. Gov^r^. of Ballasore and Occasioning Agent Charnock to write a Letter reproving them, were soe incensed at that, & my forcing the Princess Anns & Kempthornes men on board w^ch^. they could not to the Reliefes of the shipps when the six ffrench men of warr came into y^e^. Road that they writt und^r^. hand to Agent Charnock something or other ab^t^. w^ch^. occasioned him to
(3) breake off his correspondency w^th^. me, w^ch^: was soe Detrimentall that when I had a
Novr. 90 shipp come w^th^. Eleph^ts^. from Arracan because a Moore Merch^t^. was concerned w^th^. me in y^t^. Moore ship, I was throwen quite out of y^e^. Comp^a^. Protection & left to y^e^. mercy of y^e^. Country Governm^t^. who first stopped my shipp & would not ℔mitt her to goe out of Ballassore River, but after I had made a Present of Gold Tissue to our Cheife Mr. Henry that Difficulty was imediately overcome & y^e^. shipp sent out (via Armis) w^th^. y^e^. Comp^as^. Authority, but my selfe still Detain'd having sev^rll^. goods undisposed w^ch^. y^e^. Chiefe knew were for his turn, & was forced to sell them him at his owne Rate, & notw^th^standing had Done that, was forced to pay for a Telenga serv^t^. (w^ch^. carryed w^th^. me for y^e^. Lingua) & said Moore together ab^t^. 5,000 R^s^., & not having mony Enough in Ballasore to pay y^e^. whole sume was forced to leave some Goods to more than the vallue of the Remaind^r^. till I should remit mony to pay y^e^. same & fetch y^e^. goods, all w^ch^. mony & trouble might have easily been saved If I had given another ℔sent to our Chiefe, but Confess 'twas w^t^. I Did not then und^r^stand nor shall I ever again Bribe one to doe me Justice.

When thus Cleare of Ballasore having During my Confinem^t^. there agreed w^th^.
ffebry. $\frac{0}{91}$ one Cap^t^. Absolon to goe Com^d^r^. of my shipp & made y^e^. same over to him to ℔vent future trouble, he having agreed w^th^. y^e^. Agent &^ca^. for a freight to Madrass & was

ready to proceed on his Voyage I went to Calcutta & as soone as, had paid my Respects to y^e^. Agent went aboard my owne shipp, & Designed home upon her, not att all molesting y^e^. Command^r^. in his Proceedings nor Disanulling anything he had Done ab^t^. the ffreight w^n^. the shipp was going Downe y^e^. River thro' Negligence of y^e^. Com^r^. or Pilott she .Drove upon a sand & lay all on one side but Dry, in a small time y^e^. Cap^t^. imediately taking w^t^. he could of his owne & others out of the shipp sent away w^th^. y^e^. boate leaving myselfe y^e^. Pilott & some Lascarrs in y^e^. shipp w^ch^. it pleased God was saved & meeting w^th^ [. a .] Dutch [...] went myselfe thereon to Calcutta & told y^e^. Agent of my Misfortune, who then knowing the shipp to be mine would not spare me an Anchor for mony to carry her downe but order'd y^e^. Loading to be taken out & Laden in another shipp & mine consequently to Lye y^e^. Yeare Round in Hughly River w^th^out any y^e^. Least Consideration for y^e^. Same.

When I found myselfe oblidged to stay y^e^. Yeare Round my stock being very much Exhausted was willing to Employ my time as well as I could & made it my business to Learne y^e^. Country Lingua perfect & to Enquire into y^e^ [Hum^rs^]. of y^e^. People, & nature of their Comerce, w^ch^. gave great Distaste to Agent Charnock in so much that upon y^e^. Huzball Hukums [1] coming from Dhacca he ꝑtending it to be better than a Phirmaund, & I very Innocently saying 'twas not soe good told me and June 91
that, I pryed more into y^e^. Country affaires, then became me, to w^ch^: replying y^t^. w^t^: I did was only to inform my owne Judgem^t^. not to Prejudice any one told me that he would make me an example to all ffree Merch^ts^. that should for y^e^. future come to trade there, w^ch^. to make good he encouraged a serv^t^. to the Moore who was Concerned in y^e^. Shipp to make great Demands, & would have had me gone to Dhacca to
Dispose y^e^. same there w^ch^. to ꝑvent had y^e^. shipp vallued & tooke her upon my owne Aug^t^. 91
Acco^t^. and kept here sev^rll^. months upon a Certaine Risque and Charge unEmployed & when sent her upon ffreight to Madrass I was still Detain'd because I would not
Comply with his unjust Demands, & seing I could by noe means Reduce him to Reason Janary 9½.
was forced to deliver my goods into his hands & to have the matter Decided in Madrass,
where when I came found I was oblidged to stand to y^e^. Decision of my old ffriend P: March 92.
Yale who concurring w^th^: anything that might be Detrimentall to me, told me that w^t^. y^e^. Agent had Done or Concluded off was as unalterable as y^e^. Lawes of y^e^. Medes & Persians and besides this Encouraged y^e^. Moore Merchant, to Embargoe my shipp again, w^ch^. was going on a voyage upon ffreight to y^e^. Mallabaur Coast, & kept her there 4 or 5 months in y^e^. Road upon my Charge, Notw^th^standing y^e^. shipp proved fairly [Mine] w^th^out giving me Damages, ag^t^: y^e^. Moore nor indeed Judgem^t^. for w^t^. was justly due from him (saying that he was a Mooreman & might or could make great interest at Co^r^t. & thereby prejudice y^e^. Comp^a^. affaires, w^ch^. ꝑtence if true, must imply them in a very tottering Condition, but if soe why a ffree borne Subject of England & a ffreeman in India und^r^. his Sov^r^gnes fflagg should suffer or be made a sacrifice for y^e^. same, when he had done nothing to y^e^. Comp^as^. Detriment is w^t^. I never could yett und^r^stand) but forced me to sell y^e^. shipp to pay the Charges & indeed not I but they sold her at Publick Outcry & payd the Charges & Deliv^r^d. me the Residue & there being noe Co^r^t. of Admiralty then was forced to remain Content it being bad Kicking agt. the Pricks.

When S^r^. John Goldsborough came over having before he arrived wrote to y^e^. Comp^a^. ab^t^. y^e^. seizures of my first shipp I appealed to y^e^. Co^r^t. of Admiralty ab^t^. the Proceedings of y^e^. Last, but such Interest was made that nothing was Done therein During his being Judge but w^n^. y^e^. Learned ffrazer Came to succeed him he being May^r^. when y^e^. Cause was tryed in that Court of his owne accord when I moved for a hearing notw^th^standing y^e^. Moore Merch^t^. was absent & none there to plead for him Did ꝑsently Dismiss y^e^. Appeale saying that it was past 3 Co^r^t. Dayes & he would have nothing stay Longer in his Co^r^t. not^wth^standing w^n^. M^r^. Dolben was Judge & he his assistant & that I moved y^e^. Appeale might be heard he was the only man y^t^. obstructed it, On ꝑtence of y^e^. Moores absence who was sent out of y^e^. Way on Purpose, but how Preposterous it is that an Appeale should be kept allmost 3 times 30

1 Documents issued by officers of State on Royal authority. See 'Hosbolhookum' on page 427, *Hobson Jobson*.

Co^{rts}. in Judge Dolbens time from coming to a hearing althô I had often moved for one, & upon the first motion to be Dismissed by Judge ffrazer I Leave the Impartiall to Judge.

Besides y^{e}. foregoing Ass well y^{e} Admiralty as May^{rs}. Co^{rt}. have given sev^{ll}. very irregular & very erroneous Judgem^{ts}. ag^{t}. me & Extorted bonds & bills out of my hands w^{ch}. never recd any mony for Discharge of, nor could or can they prove any that Ever I recd or ord^{r}d to be payed in Discharge of y^{e}. same, but their will was their Law as well in that as making me pay mony upon Bonds not Due, w^{ch}. Encouraged ꝑtic^{ler}. men at Last to abuse me in Gross measures & thô y^{e}. Governm^{t}. were acq^{ted}. therwth. never redressed y^{e}. same w^{ch}. forced meto have my family & business in such manner as I Did not Doubting to obtain Reliefe Either from y^{e}. Comp^{a}. themselves or from others. This is nothing but truth w^{ch}. shall as you Require make my business to make Evident & remain

[ult^{o}. x^{bre}.] 1696

R^{t}. Worp^{ll} &^{ca}.

Yo. most hum^{ble}. Serv.
JOHN COVENTRY.

GENERAL LETTER TO YORK FORT, DATED APRIL 16, 1697.
[*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *pages* 141–143].

OUR GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILL ATT YORK FORT.

LONDON 16TH. APRILL 1697.

1. Wee have received a very ingenious [honest] letter from M^{r}. Barwell and Councill whose who [le] proceedings while M^{r}. Barwell was there we [all] very well approve of there running a thread of [inte]grity & prudence through their whole manage[ment]. But we are apt to think as M^{r}. Barwell seemed to fear y^{t}. y^{e}. trade of Pryamong & Mand[utta] will not be found to answer that great charge we are at in those parts, but that at length our wisest way will be to reduce all our strength to York ffort w^{ch}. we shall leave to y^{e}. farther consideration & Determination of our Lieu^{t}. Gen^{l}. & Councill of ffort S^{t}. George after they have made some farther experiment thereof amongst all M^{r}. ffleetwoods miscarriages There was one we do not observe M^{r}. Barwell takes notice of Viz^{t}. His hindering y^{e}. ffreedom of trade and engrossing all [upon] himself even of y^{e}. most minute things Canes Rattans Dammer for thô our orders for an universall freedom hung up in y^{e}. hall or dining room to be publickly read yet they were never observed by him neither durst y^{e}. Mallays sell a few Canes but to himself or by his permission y^{e}. practice whereof in a new plantation is so discouraging & mischievous That whoever is [or] shall be guilty thereof is not [only ungrateful] to y^{e}. Company but a betrayer of y^{e}. [correct] Interest of his Country.

2. The Amity was dispatch'd in [haste] first designed for China a short letter [sent] by her a copy whereof you have enclosed.

3. And in confirmation thereof we again [Wrote] you to keep always 200 tons of Pepper in [stock] for y^{t}. very purpose for y^{e}. dispatch of any [of] y^{e}. Comp^{a}. y^{t}. shall arrive with you on a [ship] and if upon such an occasion you at any [time] diminish y^{e}. quantity y^{t}. you immediately [get] it before you serve y^{e}. [men] of any Country [private] ship and that you do this as sacred [duty] y^{e}. Romans preserved y^{e}. treasure which was to be vouched upon a curse of those that [may] be guilty except only upon an Invasion of y^{e}. Gauls and was intirely observed & never [ignored] till their Commonwealth was ended by y^{e}. [occu] pation of Julius Cæsar.

4. Upon a presumption that this strict [ure] will be intirely obeyed Wee resolve to send every year a small ship from hence directly a supply of dollars y^{t}. shall more then answer any deduction you shall make from your [stan]ding stores to give such a ship an immediate dispatch for Europe ffor all other [means] intercourse of trade between ffort S^{t}. [George and] your place Wee leave you to such di[rection] as you shall from time to time receive [from] our Lieu^{t}. Gen^{l}. & Councill there which you [are to] performe with y^{e}. same observance as [they came] immediately from ourselves.

5. Considering y^{e}. [ffort] expence [we are] att in y^{e}. raising and carrying on that settlement at Bencoolen & parts adjacent which from first to last has cost us above two hundred thousand pounds sterling besides y^{e}. present annuall Charge wee are under Wee find it absolutely necessary to raise our Customs of Pepper in those parts to one penny sterling ℔ pound and you are to take no less from any person hereafter.

6. Wee have before commended y^{e}. ingenuity of M^{r}. Barwell &c^{a}. letter & y^{e}. Justice of their proceedings but think fitt to animadvert upon a mistake in their Politicks in that they seem to slight too much those inconsiderable beginnings of y^{e}. China Inhabitants of your place which they say were but twelve familys and those loose extravagant Idle debauch'd fellows wee would have all men sober and vertuous if it were in our Power especially in a place were intemperance has proved so mortall as at Bencoolen But must take notice of y^{t}. y^{e}. beginnings of all Plantations & y^{e}. greatest Citys y^{t}. ever appeared in y^{e}. world have been from such loose and wicked People at first so it was in Rome Na[ples] & in most of our English plantations especially Virginia Jamaica and Barbadoes new England indeed had another beginning but very few other Places in the world rose originally from any other sort of men then such as M^{r}. Barwell &c^{a}. describe our first Chineses to be which we therefore wish had been more incouraged to continue with you so commending you & our affairs to y^{e}. guidance & protection of y^{e}. Almighty. Wee remain.

Your very Loving ffriends

GEORGE BOHUN, *Govr.*
WILLIAM SEDGWICK.
WILLIAM LAN[G].
BENJAMIN [...]
[...]
JOHN FFLEET.
JA : WALKER.
NATHA : MOUNTENEY
JOHN DU BOIS.
C : VERNATTI.
[...]
[...] RAWLINSON.
SAMUEL ONGLEY.
[...] PERIJ.
[...] DORRILL.
[...] EYLES.
[...] HOUBLEN.
[...] HOURNEBY.
[...]

LIBRAR
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ASIATIC

A [...] be provided at the Coast & Fort S^{t}. George [...]

[...] being the sorts at present wanted so far as your stock will enable you to provide them.

Memorandum this being [a list of] goods sent by the King Will^{m}. the Patterns herein mention'd accompanyed that List whereto Wee referr you not having fresh Patterns by us at Present.

Quil Cassia Lignum the very best sort, the great sort will not do.

Benjamin a good quantity of the best.

Dragons blood one Ton.

Cubebs.

Camphir.

Gallingall.

	Peeces.
Longcloth N°. 1. 2. 3. 4 white...	60000
Ditto. browne	10000
D°. white very fine	1000
D°. blew good thick cloth deepest dye	20000
Dungarees white and brown	20000
Sallampores course N°. 3	30000
D°. Midling	10000
D°. finer	5000
D°. very fine	2000
Percallæs	10000
Percallæs Bookey	4000
Morees Ordinary N°. 7	6000
Morees Midling 8. 9	7000
Morees fine N°. 10. 11. 12	3000
Izarees	5000
Bettellees 20 yards long good N°. 25. 26	12000
Bettellees 25 yards long	5000
Bettellees striped, of variety of stripes like the Patterns sent you herewith	6000
Bettellees checquered like the patterns	3000
Bettellees Oringall if reasonable	5000
Bettellees Gunapore	5000
Bettellees Sallow	5000
Bettellees Comravill	[...]
Neckcloths, yard & half long, white stripes at the end, course & fine, some the finest can be made ... ... peice	[...]
Neckcloths single thick, such as use to be made at Metc[hlepatam] used to be made up stif & flat like a Trencher, wee [will vend] them from 50 for a Pagodo to 20 for a Pagodo	[...]
Chints Gulcondah [...] to direction the last [year...]	[...]
Chints very fine called [...] which wee have here sent you	[...]
Allejah's of a very brisk full red much wanted	[...]
Sacerguntæs	[...]
Sadaruncheræs	[...]
Callowaypose	'6 [...]
Goaconcherulæs...	3 [...]
Romalls Cotton of all sorts	20 [...]
Sailcloth	5 [...]
Shirts of Morees	5 [...]
Shirts blew large	100 [...]
Ginghams yard & half broad, good	60 [...]
Ginghams fine yard $\frac{3}{8}$ broad	40 [...]
D°. in sheets 5 yards broad, pair	100 [...]
Dimityes course & fine yard & half broad	500 [...]
Diapers the same	200 [...]
Pallampœs two yards broad and 3 yards long...	500 [...]
D°. large 3 yds. broad & $3\frac{1}{4}$ long	500 [...]
Succatums course & fine 10 yds. long and yard broad	300 [...]

THE HONOBLE. EAST INDIA COMPANYS.

Tonnage.

A	℔
Alloes Socatrina	16
Ditto Epatice	16
Accoris	12
Assa faetida	20
Auris Pigmentum	20
Amoniacum	16
Achar injarrs	20
P^{s}. Goods.	Peeces.
Aodatheas double	400
Ditto single	800
Attlasses	800
Allebannies	600
Allejaes	400
Ahmadavad Taffatys	400
Ammorees	800
Aoreas black	800

B	℔
Benjamin	20
Bufulow hides	20
Borax	20
Bulgar hides	20
	Peeces
Bafts Broad	400
Ditto Narrow	600
Pyram Paults	400
Brawles	400
Bettellees	400
Ditto Oringall	400
Ditto Gulcondas	400
[...] ally Bands	[...]
Birds eyes	1000
Beettellees short	600
[...] broad blew	[...]
Bafts Mavee	600
Ditto Scinda	600
Brawles ½ peeces	2400

C	℔
Cardamons	12
Coffee	18
Cowries	20
Cassia Lignum	8
Ditto ffistula	10
Carmania Wool	10
Cotton Yarne	10
China Roots	11
Cypris Longis	16
Cyterne	20
Cambogium	20
Cinamon	8
Cloves	12
Cordivants	13
Camphir	15
Coculus Inde	16
Cubebs	16
Cinomon Tramboon	8
China Roots if short	13
Clove Bark	[...]
Cinomon de matte	[...]
Cypris Roots	[...]
Corrall	[...]
Peece Goods.	Peeces
Chints Serunge	[...]
Ditto Caddy	[...]
Ditto Cullmee	[...]
Ditto Broad	[...]
Ditto Narrow	[...]
Ditto Surratt	[...]
Culgees	800
Cuttanees	800
Ditto Double	400
Ditto Single	500
Cossaes	400
Cherconees	600
Colloway poose	400
Chowtorrees	400
Congees	400
Chequered Silk	600
Chandennies	600
Chavannies	800
Callicoe shirts	400
Carpetts	400
Comervillees	400
Chucklaes	800
Carmania Shalls	1200
Carpetts of Wool	45
Neckcloths & Handkerchifs ...	9600
Cotton Romalls	800
Call°. sheets for bedds	80
Cuttborrows	800
Comsalves	400
Comees	400

D	℔
Dates	20
Draconis Sangais	20
P^{s}. Goods	Peeces
Dungarees white	600
Ditto browne	600
Deribands Large	600
Ditto Small	600
Dodimees	400
Dooreas	800

	Peeces
Dimitys	800
Ditto	400
Drapers broad	400
Ditto Narrow	600
Dacca Musters	400
Damasks	800

E

	℔
Errendy Yarne	10
Ebony wood	20
Earth Redd	20
Estrich ffethers	8

Ps. Goods.	Peeces
Elatches silk	400
Ditto Single	800
Errendy Cloth	1600
Ermerties	500
Eck barries	400

F

	℔
Floretta Yarne	10
Folio Indico	10

Ps. Goods	Ps.
Farrinoines	[800]
Flowred Longees	[800]

G

Gallingale	[...]
Green Ginger	[...]
Galbanum	[...]
Gum Sarcakull	[...]
Gum Araback	[...]

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Guinea Stuffs	1200
Ginghams Wte. or browne ...	400
Ginghams Colored	600
Gurbannes	800
Goachon Cheruleas	400
Gurrahees	400
Golpambas	800
Gutburrows	800
Gelongs	2000
Garose	2000

H

	℔
Hard [...]	20

Ps. Goods.	Peeces
Humhums	400

	Ps.
Hempen Canvas 1 1/6	10

I

	℔
Indicoe	12
Jappan Copper	20
Iron	20
Indicoe Lahore & flat	12

Ps. Goods.	Peeces
Jerarees	800
Jamawars	600
Junaes stript	400
Jellosies	400

K

	Ps.
Keribands	600
Kaynes Cambojum	1200

L

	℔
Long Pepper	12
Lacks of all sorts	16
Lapis Tutiae gruff	20
Lead	20
Laps Lasulae	20

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Longees Herba	3200
Long Cloth wte. or brown ...	160
Ditto blew	160
Luck howries	400

M

	℔
Mangoes	20
Mirrh	16
Mirabilons	20
Mace	8
Musk	16

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Merrcollee	400
Moorees	800
Mulmulls	400
Mundells	400
Mabuttbann[ies]	600
Mamoodies	800
Musters	400
Mocha Silk	800

N

	[℔]
Nutts condited	[...]
Nuttmegs fine	15
Nux Vomica	15
Nuttmegs preserved	20

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Niccanees	600
Nillaes	800
Nehallawars	400
Neck Cloths	600
Ditto Single	9600
	lb
Oppoponax gruff	16
Olibanum	18
Opium	14
Oyle of Mace	20

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Orángsees	600

P

	lb
Pepper wht^e^. or black gr. ...	16
Pound Cyttrone	20

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Phomphanes	2400
Pautkaes blew and wht^e^.... ...	800
Parcallaes	800
Pallampores	800
Pallamposts	1000
Petticoats	2000
Photaes	800
Peniascoes	800
Pelongs	2000
Paunches	2000

Q

Quilts broad	4 [...]
Dittoo Narrow	7 [...]

R

	lb
Raw silk fine	10
Rhuberb	8
Romall Vitriol	20
Redd Wool or Wool	20
Rangoes	20

Ps. Goods.	Ps.
Romalls	800
Rehings	400
Rastaes	800

S

	lb
Seed lack fine	18
Salter Peter Gruff	20
Sena fine	8
Sticklack fine	16
Sanguis Draconis	20

S

	lb
Sappan wood Gruff	20
Sugar & d°. Candy fine	20
Salarmoniack gruff	16
Spicknard fine	10
Succaes	20
Sallprunella	20
Sea Meny	16
Sallgem	20
Shellack	16
Sandall Wood gruff	20

Ps. Goods ...	...Peeces.
Seerebands	600
Seersuckers	
Sovaguzzees wt^e^. & brown ...	
Salloes Comervillee	400
Sannoes	
Sallampores	
Sail cloth...	
Saderuncheras	
Sacerguntees	
Silk Longees	1600
Sooseys	800
Sorts	2400
Succatums	600

T

	lb
Tea fine	8
Tamerine gruff	20
Turmerick gruff	16
Ditto if short	20
Tincall Gruff	16
Tutenague gruff	20
Turbeth gruff	16

Ps. Goods ...	... Peeces
Taffatys	800
Tapsails broad	400
Tapsails narrow	600
Tanjibs	400
Taffatys herba	800

V

Vellvetts	800

W

Woormseeds	[...]
Wax hard	[...]

CALCULATE OF THE TONNAGE & STOCK TO BE SENT OUT THE ENSUEING SEASON TO INDIA SENT ℔ NORTHUMBERLAND GALLY.

Tonnage	Ships	To what places designed	What stock to [send]
250	1	Northumberland Gally to go for Surratt as an Adviser with a Cargo of...	30[...]
280	1	ffleet ffrigott for China to call in at Bencoolen for Pepper if there be time for it and to carry out from hence in money and goods about	3[...]
1000	2	Shipps for Fort S[t]. George with a stock of whereof 5,000[lbs] or more in Cloth	100[...]
1500	3	Shipps for the Bay with a stock of ... ... Whereof 5000[lbs] or more in Cloth.	18[...]
1500	3 or 4	Shipps for Surratt & Persia with Cargoes of ...	1[...]
400	2	Shipps for Sumatra for Pepper and Druggs to come from thence directly and to carry out	[...]
4,930	13	Shipps carrying out a stock of about	5[...]

Whereof the Company have already taken the shipps following Vizt.

	Tons	
ffleet ffrigott	280	for China.
Sidney	500	For the Coast [& Bay]
King William	600	
Benjamin	450	
Scepter	300	
Josia a New ship of	500	

Gracedieu a new ship of 320 Tons to Sur[ratt].

AT A GENERALL COURT OF ADVENTURERS IN THE GENERALL JOYNT STOCK TO THE EAST INDIES HOLDEN THE 14[TH]. APRILL 1698.

In Pursuance of his Majesties Letters Patents under the Great Seale of England the Generality thought fitt to make the following Order Viz[t].

His Majestie haveing been gratiously pleased by Letters Patent under the great seale of England bearing date the 13[th]: of this Instant — April to order and direct That the Governour and Company of Merchants of London Trading into the East Indies and their successors shall and may at any time hereafter have full power and authority in A Generall Court from time to time to permit and allow any person or persons whatsoever to trade and traffick in and to Import in any of their ships Employed by them or in their Service to or from any part of the East Indies Diamonds Pearles and and other Jewells Musk Bezoar Ambergrice and Goastones on such termes and Conditions as the said General shall think fitt.

Now this Court in pursuance of the said Power and Authority Do hereby Declare that they do grant permission to Trade in the said Goods and Merchandizes as aforesaid on the termes and Conditions following Viz[t].

That every Person or Persons that shall bring home[any] Pearles or other Jewells shall pay the Company in lieu of ffreight [and] ℔mission for the same two ℔ cent on the Bullion outward and [two] ℔ Cent on the true value of the said Jewells Imported to be [valued] by the Committee of the Treasury for the time being.

That whosoever shall Import any Muske Bezoar Ambergrice and Goastones as aforesaid shall pay in lieu of ffreight and permission two ℔ Cent on the Bullion on Outward and ffive ℔ Cent of the true value thereof here as the same shall be valued bythe Committee of the Treasury for the time being.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE DATED AUGUST 26, 1698 PER NORTHUMBERLAND GALLEY VIA BOMBAY. [*Letter Book Vol.* 10 *pp.* 96–100 (*India Office transcript*)].

LONDON THE 26TH AUGUST 1698.

OUR PRESIDENT AND
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

We begin now to Answer yours of the 21th. December 1696, wherein, First We take notice of Mr. Holcombs farming, Bimlipatam, and the other two Seaport Towns, but know not what to say to it, you are nearer, and are best Judges, whether it be for our Service, Govern your Selves, and that matter accordingly, But as we are not to get, so we will not be at a Penny Charge about it, Let the Englishman employ'd be paid by the Undertakers his Sallary as well as his Dyett.

If Mr. Holcomb farm Bimliapatam &ca. take Care We be at no charge.

2. We are glad you have not Settled Pettipolee, and now we absolutely forbid it.

Settle not at Pettipolee.

3. As to the Pyrates we can say no more, but lay the whole Matter before his Maty. and the Parliament, and you shall hear more of our Success hereafter.

Shall lay ye Pyracies before ye King.

4. We would have you encourage the making of more Indigo at Fort St. Davids what this yeilds you shall know, when our Sales are over.

Encourage Indigo at St. Davids.

5. The Pegu trade We have had long Considerations of heretofore, and Debates brought on partly by Mr. Yale, but especially by a Dutch Renegado, a bold talking fellow, that gott access to King Charles and King James, and talked of nothing but gaining Mountains of Gold, but we convinced his Maty. That that Trade would never do the Company two pence of Good, It may be serviceable to private Merchants, that live at the Fort, We will have no trade or Settlement there our Selves, or any other New Settlement made without our own Express Orders.

We will not Settle at Pegu Settle no new place till order'd.

6. We come now to yours of the 3rd June 1697 and are not at all pleased with your buying two Ships, and wonder our late Lieutenant Generall would do it considering he knows what a Wast, small Ships have been to us in India, For ye. future buy none on any pretence without our express order and sell these as soon as you can.

Buy no more Ships Sell the two you bought against our mind.

7. You may allow Mr. Thomas Harris the Encouragement granted by our Letters anõ 1677 for learning the Gentue Language.

Give Mr. Harris ye Encouragemt. for learning Gentue.

8. The Calculate of our Tonnage on all Goods recd. from your parts shal be sent by our Shipping.

Shall Send a Calculate of Tonnage.

9. You have done very well in getting some fine Painters to settle at the Fort We hope you will encrease them to as many hundred in a little time.

Get all ye Painters you can to the fort.

10. We have heartily recommended Mr. Aflecks Case to our Generall to do what he can for him in a fair way, but we will have no War if we can help it.

Mr. Afflecks case recomded to ye Genl.

11. The taking a Plan of the Town was a very ingenuous Design, and we shall expect it when perfected, the printed Forms you desire shal be sent.

Send Us a Plan of ye Town We will Send ye Printed forms.

12. We can say nothing with Judgment concerning granting Mr. Haines longer time for making Wine, but you may do it upon terms advantagious to us and not discouraging to him, but we think he ought to pay us an Excise, or those that buy it of him for all he makes and Sells as is done in England upon Liquors and in all other Europe Nations, The quantum per Gallon we leave to yor. discretion, and the manner of Entry and Collection.

If Mr. Haines makes Wine Settle what excise he shall pay.

13. Whether Mr. Vicesimus Griffith and others in ye like case ought to pay for Money received by their under Officers is no hard question to decide, All men yt. are charged with Money in all Offices, are here, and in all places in Europe answerable for what their under Officers receive, but in such Cases they are permitted to choose

Receivers of our Revenues must be answerable for their Under

Officers taking Security therefore.

their own Under Officers, being such as you approve as in ye case of all our Ships, the Owners propose the Commander, We approve, But the Ship that is the Owners must be answerable for the miscarriages of ye Commandr.

We can't give the Secry. any new Allowe. now We are contending wth. our adversary's.

We hope to hold out longer than they.

14. We do believe the profits of our Secretaryes place of Fort St. George are such that an honest and able man may be contented therewith, considering the benefit of Trade, which we indulge to all our Servants, and we have no reason to encrease Sallaryes or Charge at this time, while we are contending with our Adversaryes who shal be first beat out by bringing the whole trade to little or no profitt, And that is in short the present Case, between the Old and new Company, but we hope we shall hold out longest, being the oldest Souldiers that have weathered many a brunt in that and former times, and we have not lost an Inch of our Courage yet, as you will see by our Stock sent out, and all our Proceedings, when our next Fleet arrives with you.

Such as Embezzle our Estates must suffer as they deserve.

may appeal if wrong'd to ye Presd. and Council.

15. Concerning the severall People which you mention, that owe us Mony by reason of their Embezzlements of their own and our Estates or Concealmt. of their own Estates in order to defraud us, We can say nothing, but that they must suffer for their Demeritts, as other men do in all places where they don't pay their Creditors If we should remitt such Abuses upon Suggestions of inability, it is the ready way to be abused again, For it is an easy matter to make such Pretences in India, If any of them complain of wrong Judgmts. against them by your Courts of Justice they may appeal to you, and have their Causes reheard again, And if you see Cause for it, you may do them right upon their appeal, more we can't say in this Matter.

Mr. Frazer disrespectfull to his Superiors.

and may have been righteous overmuch.

however We Suspend our Censures.

16. What the Controversy between Mr. Fraser and Mr. Higginson is at Bottom we know not so well as we hope to do when we hear from the New President & Councill, as it seems to us at present, We think Mr. Fraser has been guilty of some Indecencyes in words towards his Superiours, but he was never charged with any Infidelity, and if we may believe what every body sayes that comes, from Fort St. George of all Partyes and perswasions, he is unquestionably an honest man, and faithful to the Companyes Interest, but in some Instances a man may be said to be righteous overmuch, or else Solomon would never have forbid it, that is unreasonably or too contentiously or for too minute Concernments, however his Offence seems to us not unpardonable but we shall suspend our ultimate Censure, untill We receive yor. next Letters.

Punish Mr. Frith as he deserves.

17. Mr. Frith that was at Pryamong appears to Us by our Lres from Bencoolen by the Amity to be a very false treacherous unfaithfull Person not fit for any Trust in our Service, and we would have you accordingly deal with him for an Example to others that you may hereafter Employ.

We approve & hope well of Mr. Eaton.

18. We approve of the Choice you made of Mr. Eaton, and have great hope he will answer our and your Expectations.

Allow ye Conocoply 40 Pags. a year.

19. We don't at all approve of the allowance of 25 Pags. per Quarter to the Conocoply, We think 40 Pags. per Ann. is enough to a black Fellow to live plentifully upon, especially since he paid nothing to Us for his pretended Cowl neither had Agent Chambers any Authority from our Predecessors to make any such Grant.

Did well not to trust Mr. Noden or Settle at Madapollam &ca.
gett ye workmen to ye Fort thô you allow them half their rice. rather than create ye Charge of new Settlemts.

20. You did very well not to trust Mr. Noden, nor to settle any other Factory about Pettipolee, Madapollam, Metchlepatam or any of those places, We have bled too much formerly to renew those Issues again, It would be cheaper to Us for you to draw those Workmen to build and live at Madrass or Fort St. Davids though we gave them half the Rice their Familyes eat, then to be at ye. Charge of one of those Factoryes, and though you begin with the pretence of a small Charge at first, they quickly and necessarily run into a greater upon pretence of Danger from the Natives, or some other Allegation true or false, which makes us resolve *obstare Principiio* in all things of that kind, of which you have too pregnant Instances in the like Cases on Sumatra and Anjengo.

Build a new Godown Stronger.

21. If the Godown you complain of be so very bad, you must pull it down and make another more strong and Commodious.

22. We have well considered your large discourse concerning our Fortifications at Vizagapatam in which We can't fully agree with you, for we see no reason, but English Jew and Gentile should pay the same Custom there, one as much as the other as they doe at Fort St. George, and all fortifyed Places We have in India. If you say the English should fare better than others in that respect, It is an old Argument, that we never would have revived again, It is enough We allow them liberty of Trade in all Places in India, besides Dyet and Sallaryes to our own Servants, If the Dutch would allow the first to their Servants and Countrey Men they might be Served all India over without other reward, You say this can't be well done at Vizagapatam, because of the Custom of those parts, y^{t}. We have but a short time in it, you may as well argue that we should have no Custom at Chuttanuttee, because we have no time in That, but we say when a Fort is built upon no other Ground or Warrant then the Nabobs order to strengthen our Selves against the Rebell, We will not afterwards part with it, and loose our charge, and we are very much mistaken in what you write, if we have not as good a Warrant for fortifying at Vizagapatam as we had at Chuttanuttee, If we are mistaken in this our Notion, We hope you will set us right in your next. We must further observe to you on this Occasion, that the Oldest of us never knew the Dutch or English fortifyed in any Place from whence they were beat out by the Natives, Demands and Sieges we have sometimes suffered, but the Peace is commonly made with small Piscashes as you may remember when Lingapa besieged your Fort, made great Pretences, stopt all the Roads and Sometimes We beat off his Guards, but the War ended in a Piscash of about £350, It were easy for the Mogol to beat all the Europeans out of his Country, if he would set his strength to it, but he will never do that, knowing their Trade fills his Coffers, though his Officers will sometimes make a bustle and talk big to get Piscashes from us, which is our easyest kind of Warfare in such Cases, But they may do a great deal of mischief if they be too much slighted or provoked to Anger, therefore it is convenient to be civill to them, but not too free of our Purse lest they come too often, Upon the whole Matter it is our positive Order that as soon as Fortifications are finished, you settle the Customs at Vizagapatam in the same manner as they are at Fort St. George If prudentially we must favour any Cast there, It ought to be the Moors, untill our Fortifications are perfected, And we are in Condition to defend our Selves against any Body of Natives as the Agent and Councill in Bengall say they are already at Chuttanuttee.

Make all pay Custom at Vizagap^{a}.

the Shortness of ye time no more an Argum^{t}. against it than at Chutt^{a}.

No Europeans ever turn'd out by ye Natives from their Fortifications Wars on that accot. ending in pres^{ts}.

Mogull will not expell them his Countrey.

Be civill not liberall to his Officers.

Encourage none but Moors in their Customs till you are strong enough.

23. If you can't formally comply with our Order in ye 42 Paragraph of our Generall L^{re} dated 16 day of Aprill 1697 by the Tavistock rather then spoil the Trade of the place You need only demand such Security from such persons as you have cause to mistrust are intended upon some ill Design although if you deny them Passes, as you say very well, they will proceed without them.

What Security to take for Passes.

24. Thus we have answered as fully as we can at present all the L^{res} rec^{d}. from you to this time having not leisure yet to read over all the Voluminous books and Papers sent us, which when we have done, We shall reply to those Paragraphs pretermitted at present, and we should now enter upon giving you a large Account of our present Circumstances, and what has happend to the Company since our President Pitt sailed from England, but we shall shorten that work by the Copyes of what we have wrote to our Generall S^{r}. Jn^{o}. Gayer, which to avoid repetition we send you herewith accompanyed with all the materiall Papers relating thereunto.

We can't fully answer all your Lres now.

But refer to Copy of B Bay Gen^{ll}.

25. We have been so very well served by our Agent and Councill in Beng^{ll}: this and severall years past, that we think fit to continue them independent of the Fort, And it is our Positive order, That none shal be added to or removed from that Councill without our own express order, however We do not doubt, but President Pitt, according to his repeated promises will manage that Power, as to placing and displacing w^{ch}. was given him by his Commission and Instructions with the same Equity and Moderation, As it was managed by others before him, who have had the like Authority against whose Proceedings, We never had any Complaint against any man entrusted with that Power, save in the single Case of Mr. Ellis, who seemed to have hard measure during the Sickness and approaching death of S^{r}. John Goldsborough in Bengall.

We continue ye Bay independant.

Hope Mr. Pitt will use his power moderately.

List of Ships & Stock design'd for India.

26. How many Ships, and what Stock we resolve to send out this year you will observe by the Paper for that Purpose enclosed, And though we have a very great Return from India this year, and to a very good Markett, because we will not be Straitened, we have unanimously resolved in a Generall Court to advance new Money to carry on our Trade to the Full.

One of ye 2 Compas. must yield to ye other.

27. The short of our Case is as yourselves wil be able to judge, two East India Companyes can't live without one destroying the other, one must give way or sell their Stock for little when they can get nothing by the Trade.

The New Compa. must raise Money and be fitted with Factoryes &ca.

We have these & experience besides.

28. The new Company besides the Seventeen hundred Thousand pounds they are to pay the King in Twenty Months, towards which, they have already paid one Tenth in Earnest, must raise a new Stock among themselves to trade and before they open Shop must be fitted with necessary Habitations and other Incidents to carry on their busyness, Our Stock is already raised and our Utensills, Vizt. Houses Forts Factoryes and other Implements abroad, and at home ready fitted, And we have Effects daily comeing in, And we may presume, we are a little better Stocked with Experience, having surmounted a great many difficultyes and Losses in late and former times, The Ground is our own, which we Stand upon, and we upon the Forehorse, and have courage enough to keep our Ground, We have our Charter for three Years inviolable,

A Charter for 3 years & An Act after for our Trade.

& we have the same Act of Parliament to trade for ever for Three hundred and Fifteen Thousand pounds yearly, which keeps the way open to all our Propriety and Possessions in India, And we don't doubt, if we wanted to enlarge the Sume we may buy more if we pleased very good Pennyworths of those that have paid dear for them before the three Years are out, So that if you do your Parts abroad faithfully, wch. we no ways doubt, as well as we hope to do Ours here it seems to us not improbable,

If you do your duty, their Stock must fall and they glad to unite.

But the New Stock, which now costs one hundred pounds per Cent, may come within two Years after the Departure of our intended Fleet this Winter to be purchased at a much lesser Rate, And by that time it is probable we may both be weary of fighting, and giving the World occasion to laugh at our Folly, and may then Shake hands and be Friends, when they have smarted as much as they have made us for severall years past, And the English Nation by that time become wise enough to see that,

when convinced only one Compa. can Thrive trading thither & must have full Power.

which all the world knew long since Vizt. That no Nation can thrive by an East India Trade or support it long and to publick advantage, without one entire East India Company armed with Forts and Fortifications, and the same Power and Authority in all respects as ye Dutch Soveraignty gives to their East India Company, which is a certain truth and wil be found so in conclusion notwithstanding what the Interlopers have suggested to the Contrary.

Reason for Sending you little Stock.

29. We have appointed the less Stock for your place, because first we are not sure you can employ any more than one hundred Thousand pounds ; 2 dly :Our Bay Investments are more profitable ; 3 dly :There we shall more disappoint the Interlopers ; 4 thly :We would not by compelling a great Investment at Fort St. George in any harsh or vigorous way disappoint the trade of particular men at that Place,

Encourage Free Traders whatever.

whose trade has much encreased our Revenue there, and a Revenue being an Annuall Income and costing us no fresh Stock is a matter of the greatest import to us, and therefore we would not discourage Spanyards or any Forraigners from frequenting that place and buying any kind of Goods as freely as our Selves paying our Dutyes.

Dispatch our Ships without Demo.

30. We recommend it to your care to dispatch all our Ships in ye 4 Months time that we may pay no Demorage, for we must never admitt of any Excuse in the breach of this Order.

Shall write to St. Davids per Ships.

31. We shall answer the Lre. to Fort St. Davids by the Ships.

Send no more white Ginghams.

32. Send us no more white Ginghams from your Parts, we are great Loosers by these already received.

33. There went over in the Tavistock Mr. Jno. Johnson a free Merchant to reside at ye Fort, he has been bred a Merchant and is well versed in Accots. his

Father a worthy Member of our Court, desires he may be entertained in our Service, if a Vacancy happen under your Presidency, and he be found deserving, which we are willing to gratify him in, and would have you take notice of Accordingly. We would have you also take notice of Mr. Henry Dobyns, whose Father is a considerable Adventurer with us, and prefer him in his Station according to his Meritt, So commending you and our Affairs to the Guidance and protection of the Almighty We remain

May entertain Mr. Jno. Johnson.

Prefer Mr. Dobyns as deserving Ex:

Your very Loving Friends.

William Prichard.	John Fleet, *Governour.*
Jonathan Andrewes.	Thomas Frederick, *Depty.*
W^{m}: Heath.	Sam^{ll}: Dashwood.
James Bull.	William Gore.
Joseph Horne.	Henry Johnson.
Sam^{ll}: Kekewich.	John Johnson.
John Moor.	Rich^{d}: Cocke.
W^{m}: Hewer.	Richard Mounteney.

Jos^{a}: Child.

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ACCOUNT OF THE PRICE OF INDICO Sent to ye Fort per Northumberland Galley Via Bombay.

In pursuance of an Order of Court of the 19th instant, I have here set down the Prime cost and charges of the Indico lately brought home on ye King William, and what the same was sold for Viz:

Two Chests Indico fine containing 711 lb. cost £34·3 Sold.

	£	*sh.*	*d.*
704^{lb} at 2^{s}	70	8	0
is 11½ per lb.....6½ per C^{t}. disc^{t}:	4	11	6
Three years Interest at 6 per C^{t}.....:...6·3			
	65	16	6

	£	*sh.*	*d.*		£	*sh.*	*d.*
Freight of 6-1-11 ... (12^{s} a Ton) 34 p. Ton).	17	19	9	Less ... ... near 11 p. Ct.	12	4	9
Custom & Additiona^{ll}. Duty.	17	15	6				
Charges Generall ...	2	0	0				
	£78	1	3		£78	1	3

There were likewise two Chests received by the Mary and sold in Dec: last Prime cost about 7^{d} (same Charges as above) sold at 18½^{d} will come out rather worse which is humbly submitted to the consideration of this Court.

London 24th Augst 1698.
W^{m}. Thorowgood.

GENERAL LEITER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1698.

Per Benjamin Neptune & Scepter, *Letter Book*, *Vol.* 10, *pages* 113–119. (*India Office transcript*).

London y^e^. 28th October 1698.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Since our Last of ye 26th August enclos'd We have arriv'd ye Madrass & E.I. Mercht. Wch. brot. yours of Novr. & Decr. 1697.

1. Since our last by the Northumberland dated the 26th August of which you have a Copy herewith, It has pleased God to send us in Safety the Madrass from Bencoolen, and the East India Merchant from Bombay, by her we received yo^rs^. of the 20th November, 10th, 15th and 17th December 1697 sent on ye Chamber Frigott via Bombay which We have now before Us with your former Letters In wch. We observe not much unanswered.

Concerning ye Indigo at St. Davids.

2. Your Indigo from Fort St. Davids will not do at all here except you can have it made full as good, as the best you sent for a Sample at half ye Cost you paid for it, and if you can have it so the gains wil be very inconsiderable, Because the worst of Indigo payes as much freight and as high Dutyes here, as the best Lahore or Agra Indigo, and we can see no reason why those that make yours should not make it almost as good as Lahore or Agra Indigo having a proportionable price, which we should be content to give them, because it is a Kintlage Commodity, and we have ye more reason to think such a good Commodity may be made with your black People there, because the English in Jamaica make vast quantityes there, not much inferiour to Agra Indigo.

Mr. Constables debt.

3. We have no way to recover Mr. Constables Debt, but by putting it, to the Accot. of his Moyety of Sallary here, If we find anything due to him, or elce sueing his Security.

Encourage others to raise Silkworms but let it not be on our Accot.

4. Your setting up the Trade of Silk worms by hired Bengallers, If you could have them is never advisable the Company not being a proper body for setting People to work by the day or the Week, though we may encourage any private Men, Whites or Blacks, that will enter upon such a busyness, by lending them two or 300 Pag^s^. or more upon good Security, and taking our Payment in Raw Silk at an Encouraging Price.

Mr. Frith for his perfidiousness We discharge.

5. We wonder to observe such a favourable Relation, as you give of Mr. Frith's perfidiousness, It appears to Us by all Advices compar'd wth. your Letter likewise, that he is manifestly guilty of unpardonable infidelity in supplying the Interloper with Pepper, And that he knew she was an Interloper as certainly, as if the Capt. had told him so, and therefore We require you to discharge him from our Service immediately, and send him home to answer for his Infidelity.

Desire Us no more to Send Navall Stores Since you refuse ye Tavistocks.

6. We had not sent so many Navall Stores by the Tavistock but upon your own proposition, and therefore we desire you to make us no more such Proposalls before you know the Stability of your own minds.

Since Coynage is So tedious We have order'd £150,000 in $ for ye Bay.

7. You say in the 9th Paragraph of your Letter by the Sidney dated the 17th Jan^ry^. $169\frac{7}{8}$, that if our Ships arrive in August, We suppose you mean July or August You can't Coyn the Silver into Rupees before January or February following by which 5 Months time of the Investment in Bengall wil be lost, and therefore you advise, that the Silver should be carryed down uncoined, which we have well considered of, and hoping that these Ships may be with you, by or near those Months We have ordered that the Value of one hundred and Fifty Thousand pounds Sterl. be laden on board 2 Ships at Cadiz in Peices of $\frac{8}{8}$, as many as can be in Mexico Dollars very few Sevill P^s^. $\frac{8}{8}$ being procurable that Coyn being forbid, which are ye most Currant of all forraign Coyns in Bengall, and have ordered them accordingly to proceed directly thither from the Offin of Zeilon without hauling in upon the Coast of Choromandell or touching at the Fort which would loose us a fortnights time.

8. And this imports us the more at this time, because We hear the New Compᵃ. are about sending out two or three Ships for Bengall, And if they do proceed it is our Advantage to be as long before hand with them as we can. To be beforehand with ye New Compᵃ.

9. The other 2 Ships accompanying this We intend shall take in the fine Silver as near as we can get it to Rupee Matt, which you say is of most advantage in the Coyning, We design on each of those two Ships Fifty Thousand pounds, and desire that as soon as either of them dos arrive you will immediately proceed to the coyning of Twenty Thousand pounds thereof into Rupees and send the same as soon as it can possibly be coyned to our Agent and Councill in Bengall by the Gracedieu which being the smaller Ship may safely go up to Calcutta, but the Sidney We would have remain in Ballasore road and unless some extraordinary unforeseen Necessity happens We would not have her or any other such great Ship run the hazard up yᵗ. dangerous River, Since We have peace now with all Nations, having suffered by such great Ships going up the said River. Shall Send you £100,000 in Barrs £20,000 whereof Send coyn'd to ye Bay. the Gracedieu Shall go to Calcutta but ye Sidney Stay in Ballasore road.

10. If it be a favour to Doctor Bulkeley to be a Justice of the Peace you may commissionate him thereunto, he being we doubt not capable and honest, but We don't know what to say to a Request his Friends make on his behalf about a house he lives in at Rent, before we know what the Rent of the House is, and what Accommodations or Apartment, he or his Predecessors had before in our Hospital. Make Dr. Bulkeley a Justice. We can't at present agree to pay his rent till We hear further.

11. We shall not need to send you any New List by these Ships for provision of Goods, because, We considered very seriously of the List we sent you so lately but we must give you timely notice, that thin Shadow Muslins of the slight Sorts we were glutted with about 8 years past are now grown into use and fashion again, But being slight goods, we know not how long they may hold in repute however send us Twenty Thousand Peices of the Sorts hereundr: mentioned Vizt: Bettellees Gulcondah Four Thousand Peices, Ditto Podavetz four Thousand Peices, Dº. Gunapore Four Thousand Pˢ. Dº. Rowalue four Thousand Pˢ., Dº. Tarnatanna four Thousand Pˢ. They are Goods you may buy very cheap, and though we have given you Speciall Numbers abovesaid, We do not confine you exactly to those Numbers, but would have in ye whole of those Shadow Muslins Twenty Thousand Pˢ. And if there be any China or Bengall Raw Silk to be sold in Madrass at the Arrivall of these Ships we would have you buy up all there is of Raw Silk or Floretta Yarn, if you can have it at or about the following prices Vizt: China Silk at Six Shills. Per small pound, Bengall Silk Nº. B. C. D. at Ten Shills. Per great pound Floretta Yarn at Four Shillings Per great Pound. Provide 20,000 Shadow Muslins. And Raw Silk & floretta yarn if &ca.

12. You will may be think it Strange, that we should write to you for Raw Silk, while we are sending Ships to Bengall and China, the true reason is We have wrote thither before this to buy up all They can, and apprehending That Commodity to be Scarce, and upon a rising Price in Europe, We are willing to buy up likewise what is to be sold at your Place, supposing there may be some in English or Armenian hands which may be afforded about the Rates abovesaid. Reason for buying Raw Silk yre.

13. We design after the Departure of these three Ships to despatch as soon as we can get them ready, one other Ship for your Place, and another for the Bay, which probably may be the Benjamin 450 Tons, and the Scepter 300 Tons, They having signed Charter Party to be in the Downs, the Benjamin by the 10th, and the Scepter by the 30th of next Month. Shall Send ye Benjn & Scepter.

14. You will expect to hear something more particularly from Us, concerning the New Company, and though We care not for medling with their Affairs yet it may be fit for us to give you the State of their Stock, They have yet paid into his Maᵗʸ. but $\frac{2}{10}$ parts of their Subscription as we have likewise done upon our Subscription, which was for Three hundred and Fifteen Thousand pounds, out of the first Tenth the Discount was allow'd, So that only 7*l* was paid in Lieu of the first Ten Pounds, and the Second ten pounds was paid full, so that whoever write one hundred pounds is yet out of Purse but Seventeen pounds, That Seventeen pounds is now sold for Fourteen pounds, And we believe will fall much lower, If it were now sold for Thirteen pounds, Fifteen Shillings. It would be just Twenty five per Cent lost on the whole one Concerning ye New Company & ye Value of their Stock as paid in.

hundred pounds, We have reason to think That Stock can't thrive, but must fall gradually as more of their Money is paid in, but for this sudden Fall the Jobbers, having had but a little time to work upon it, yet we can give no reason, except it be, that some of those Gentlem^{n}. have subscribed a great deal more then they have to pay, which we will not say, what ever we think, But if the Case be so, It must proportionably fall, before the Payment of every subsequent Tenth as they fall due, It seems to us their Principall Relyance, is upon a new fashion'd word now in Vogue in all publick Places, They call it Coalition, by which We think they mean, that our Stock should be joyned to theirs, And we are so much for the publick Good of our Country, that probably It may come to that in due time, When their Stock and Ours meets about the same price, as we think it will by the time their whole money is paid in, but before that, We shall not be for a Coalition.

when Both Compas are like to unite.

15. The present use We make of this is, that even our Adversaryes are already convinced of that Truth, which We have alwayes asserted to King Lords & Comons Vizt. That the East India Company in any Nation can be but one Body Politick Two or more are but like two Earthen Vessells, if they knock they break, But we think our Selves upon the Ground already, so we can't have a great Fall. nor more hurt than has been done us already, which We are through Gods Mercy very well able to bear.

The Traders to India must unite or will destroy each other.

16. Their Stock by the Computation aforesaid is about Seventy five per Cent of what already paid in, Ours is risen and advanced in the Price and Value of wt. it has been lately sold for, and we have good reason to believe, it will go on still advancing, And we can't help thinking, that it is more worth intrinsically then the new Companyes, when all their Money is paid in, and shall not take it for a Favour, if they should offer a Conjunction upon equall Terms.

We think our Stock more worth than ye New Compas & will advance

17. Having told you the truth of our Apprehensions concerning the New Comp^{a}. It is fit you should know, how we resolve to proceed our Selves Vizt. Our Sales of the severall Ships arriv'd this year we presume may amount to nine hundred Thousand pounds, besides what Ships may arrive this Winter, or in the Spring which may be the Dorrill and Chambers Frigott, We have already sold for above, six hundred and Forty Thousand Pounds, and have to sell at our Spring Sale one Third of the Sampsons Lading, all the East India Merchant and Madrass Cargo except Pepper and Coffee, and almost all the Sidneyes Lading, notwithstanding which, We have in a Generall Court unanimously agreed to take up Twenty five per Cent of our whole stock, from the Adventurers respectively to each Mans particular Stock which will amount to near Four hundred Thousand pounds, And the Generall Court further declared their willingness, to raise and bring in such further Sumes as the Camp^{as}. Occasions should require, By w^{ch}. means we find our Selves in so good Circumstances, and the Comp^{as}. Affairs in so good Creditt and Condition, that we have paid off all the Comp^{as}. Debits that were demanded, and owing to any person or persons whatsoever upon their Seal at Michaelmas last, the Consequence whereof is that the Company owe little or no Money upon Bond, but what is entirely due to their own Adventurers which confutes another Untruth, That the Interlopers have been this Ten years past infusing into the Ears of great Men of all Sorts, that the Company owed vast Debts to ye Nation, that they would break &ca. to the ruin of a great many Widows and Orphans, that had trusted them at Inter^{t}.

What our sales have & will amot. unto.

We have called in 25 per Ct. more.

and pd. off our Debts demanded of Us to Michls.

18. We have done that right to Mr. Frith, though a guilty Man, as to read over all his long Apologyes Letters and Papers, which he produces in his own Defence, which don't only manifestly prove him Guilty, but discovers in him a very mean Opinion of our Understanding, As if we could not see through such Empty Stuff as his Lres. are fill'd with his arguments, cutting the Throat one of another, Sometimes he sayes he delivered the Rebecca's Pepper before he knew she was an Interloper, and sometimes he sayes, He not being privy to our Lres, did not know our Orders, or that he ought not to deal with an Interloper, In other Places y^{t}. he was upon a Dilemma either to loose that Part of the Country, or to load her in other Places he confesses he had Intimations and Orders from his Chief Mr. Mildmay, that she was an Interloper, and he should not let her have Pepper but he did it, notwthstanding he refused

Mr. Friths excuses frivolous.

to deliver possession to Mr. Darley by order of his Chief untill he was seiz'd on, which was justly and prudently done by Mr. Darley, The plain is, He is an unfaithfull Man and not fit for any Place, as most other such talking Apologizing People usually are.

Mr. Darley did well to seize him.

19. Upon ye whole matter not believing the particular Accusations of Mr. Frith agst. Mr. Mildmay, because We find Frith false In his own Defence, We at present think Mr. Mildmay has done admirably well in keeping up his Command and hope he may be an usefull instrument to make that place flourish wherein We desire you to assist and Encourage him.

Encourage Mr. Mildmay.

20. We have read Mr. Holcomb and Councills Letters by the Madrass in excuse for the great Charge of that Settlement at Vizagapatam, the Place may in time be considerable, but while it is but an Under factory, It seems to us that the Foundation of the Fort and Buildings there, are much too large for the present use, such great Foundations are the Causes of great Expence and therefore th^{e} there be Ingenuity in the Frame and Order of that work We think it is too big by half for any use, we shall ever have of it, and therefore, We say again, as we have formerly, make no new Settlement at Pettipolee, or any other Place without our particular order from hence, We hope both Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Owen do serve us well and honestly, and we think Mr. Owen so able a man, that it is our desire he may succeed Mr. Holcomb in ye Chiefship of that Factory, whenever Mr. Holcomb shall leave it.

Vizag^{a}. buildings too large. make no new Settlements without order.

Let Mr. Owen Succeed Mr. Holcomb.

21. We have wrote you so often complaining of the heavy charge of Dem^{o}: and desiring to be eased of it, that we shall need say the less now, however We can't quite omitt reviving our former orders Vizt: Send home our Ships as soon as you can, within the four Months at Furthest, and never detain them on Country Voyages, or after the Charterparty time of Stay in ye Countrey but dispeed them home as much earlyer as may be, the sooner the better.

Keep no Ships on Demo. but send them home as soon as you can.

22. You will see by the Invoices of these Ships, what Lead Cloth and other English Commodityes are on board them for your Parts, We would have you very deligent in disposing thereof as well and as soon as you can, our Aim being more at a quick Vent then great profitt, And the rather because, It is very likely the New Company will send out the same Sorts of Goods, If therefore you should keep yours in your hands, till their Ships arrive, it would turn to our disadvantage, Whereas by an early vent you would at once spoil their Markets, and put your Selves in Stock for our Europe Investmen^{ts}.

Dispose of all Eng: Commo^{s} as soon and as well as you can.

23. And this gives us an Opportunity of recommending to you a most important affair Vizt: the securing and buying up for us as full and quick returns as you can, If the New Company, as they give out, should send some Shipping to the Coast, their Factors, and you will have a Tryall of Skill, wch. Shall best approve themselves to their Employers, by buying up the greatest quantityes of profitable Goods, and the cheapest rates, and like two Bucketts in a Well, whichsoever ascends, the other inevitably goes down, for so far as their Affairs prosper in the same proportion Ours and our Reputation here and there are like to Sink and be depressed, The Consideration whereof together with the hearty Assurances our Now President gave us at his going out, of his Zeal for our Service, which are still recent in our Memory, and the long Experience, We have had of others of our Councill, All those Togeth^{r}. make us readily and entirely leave the whole to your Management, So to Act as may best pursue and compass our utmost benefit and Advantage and effectually answer the directions given you in our former Lres, touching the Enemyes of our Trade, One way to effect this wilbe to buy up all the Choice of the Goods, that will turn to any Account here, and to make as large profitable cheap and expeditious Investments as you can, whereby we may be fully supplyed, They defeated, Our Ships sent home early, and full, theirs to seek for a Lading, and this we think should be no hard matter to effect, since you are old Inhabitants in and well acquainted with the place, They to seek for a residence, But in order to that, We hear they intend to settle at Metchlepatam and Madapollam, and some of them confidently

Buy up all the Choice goods you can gett.

If the New Comps. attempt Settling on ye Coast.

We leave it to your Care to psue our Interest on all Accots.

reckon upon, having our Houses there from the favour at least connivance of our own people, what ground there is for such a Report, time must demonstrate, however that we may do what in prudence We ought, We may send immediately some of our own People, to take and keep possession of all our severall Factoryes on the Coast with two or three English Factors at each there to continue with as little Charges as may be to buy up all the Coast Goods procurable in the Countrey and to secure our Interest in all Places, and by the Surest Tye engage all the Merchants on our Side, So that being before hand with them, We may effectually prevent their nesting themselves or making any Investments at or near any of those places, or else where on the Coast.

Take posson of all our Factoryes on ye Coast.

And buy up all ye Goods procurable.

If you can thereby disappt. our Competitors it wod. turn to advanta.

24. If this could be effected, as we perswade our Selves from your Ability Zeal and Power it may, and that if they should buy any Goods, it may appear here not to be so cheap as you buy ours, The consequence of it will have no small Influence upon their Affairs, which We have no reason to be sorry for, because They and We are Opposites, and as such you must look upon them in all things, and notwithstanding any plausible pretences they may make as matters Stand at present, their Interest and Ours is incompatible, their hopes of prosperity are built on the ruin of ours, and therefore whatsoever tends to dishearten and disappoint them, best Secures our Foundation and defeats Theirs.

Reason for returning to our old Settlements on ye Coast.

25. We have for severall years been sensibly complaining of the Charge of Out Factoryes by every Letter almost, ordering or confirming the withdrawing of them, But the Case now for the present is so far altered, that we are content to be at some Charge, the less the better to prevent our Enemyes reaping where They have not sown, and since when it serv'd their Turn, they have been constantly decrying our Settlements as unnecessary or of little Value We are willing to be at some Expence for the present to make their own Experience contradict their former extravagant Assertions

Send Copy hereof to St. Davids &ca.

26. Send Copy of this Letter to Fort St. Davids that they may fully know our Minds herein, and accordingly manage themselves in making full large and early Investments and defeating our Enemyes hopes so far as lies in their Power.

Send Us 5000 Dimities finer & cheaper.

27. Dimityes are a Commodity of great use here, and the use of them like to encrease being of fine wear, and more in use for weak People than formerly, So that we would have you send Us Five Thousand Peices of them though we shall get very little by them, except you could buy them finer, or at least cheaper then usually has been done from your Parts.

Prefer Mr. Foquett as he deserves.

28. We observe what you write concerning Mr. Foquet, that he is a diligent faithfull prudent Person, and as such We value and esteem him, nothing doubting but he will continue to meritt your Commendation, We would have you therefore take the first opportunity to advance him in our Service to such a Post as you think a Person of his merits and your good Character may deserve.

What Ships & Stock We are Sending to ye Coast & Bay which go to Cadiz.

29. You will perceive by the Blanks left in the 9th Paragraph of this Letter We had not at Writing thereof a full prospect of the Ships and Stock likely to be first ready for the Coast and Bay, We can now tell you, we have freighted & taken up the Seven Ships following for your place and Bengall, Vizt. the Sidney 500 Tons, Capt. Grantham Commander, The Josia 500 Tons, Capt. Strutton Commander, The Benjamin 450 Tons Capt. Brown Commander, All which are in their to the Downes, and appointed to go to Cadiz to take in Two hundred Thousand pounds Valûe in Bullion, whereof the Sidney to have ninety Thousand pounds, The Josia Sixty Thousand pounds all in P^{s}. ^{s} if procurable, thence to proceed directly for the Bay, and there loaden home as soon as possible, The remaining Fifty Thousand pounds to be put on board the Benjamin in fine Silver as near as we can get it to the goodness of your Rupee Matt, and consigned to the Fort, from whence we would have you hasten her home to us with as good and full Lading as you can.

hasten home ye Benjn wel laden.

30. Besides these we have the Gracedieu Capt. Murvell of 320 Tons ready to depart Gravesend directly for the Bay, and the Neptune 275 Tons, Captain Leshley Commander is making ready for the Coast, The East India Merchant 450 Tons,

Capt. Wm. Erle We design for the Bay, and the Scepter 300 Tons Capt. Phenney for the Fort or Bay. We have not as yet fully determin'd what Cargoes to load on board each Ship, But in the whole We intend at least Two hundred Thousand pounds to the Bay, and one hundred Thousand pounds to the Fort in all Seven Ships, If we can procure sufficient Silver in Town or from Holland, We shall dispatch these last four Ships from hence, otherwise, we must send one or two to Cadiz, however we resolve to hasten the latest of them out of the Downs in the Month of December that they may arrive early with you.

What Ships We intend directly from hence for ye Coast & Bay.

31. Since Writing the foregoing the New Subscribers are about paying in a Third Tenth, and their Stock falls accordingly, for that the Money they have paid in is now sold at five pounds less, and scarce any goes off so well.

how the New Stock now Sells.

32. Application having been made unto Us on behalf of Mr. Matthew Mead, who was entertained by S^r^. John Goldsborough as a Factor in our Service, and in regard of his Experience, has been employed as Assistant Sorter in our Godowns, That he might take his place, and degree before those Factors that arriv'd by the Berkely Castle, Charles and Sampson, We have thought fit to grant his Desires, especially, considering his having acted all that time as Attorny Generall in our Courts of Judicature with you.

Mr. M. Mead to take place of ye Factors by ye Berkley Castle.

33. The Relations of Mr. Batson Pearson representing unto Us, that he was unfortunately drown'd in his Return from on board the Tavistock, whether he was sent by your order and praying that what is due to him may be paid, We would have you give directions, that his Account may be made up, and sent us, That we may pay the Ballance as is desired. So comending you and our Affairs to the Guidance and Protection of the Almighty We remain

Send Us Batson Pearsons Acc^ts^.

Your very loving Friends

SAMUELL PITTS.	JNO : FLEET, *Governour.*
ARTHUR MOORE.	THO : FREDERICK, *Depty.*
HENRY JOHNSON.	JNO : MOORE.
SAM^LL^ : DASHWOOD.	JON^a^ : ANDREWES.
RICH^d^ : COCKE.	WM : HEWER.
JOS : HERNE.	GABRIELL ROBERTS.
THO : COOK.	WM : HEATH.
SAM : KEKEWICH.	WM . SEDGWICK.
JOSIA CHILD.	JAMES BULL.
WM : GORE.	RICH^d^ : MOUNTENEY.
CHA : DU BOIS.	WM : PRICHARD.

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT S^T^. DAVID, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1698. RECEIVED PER NEPTUNE JUNE 1, 1699. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* II, *p.* 179.]

LONDON THE 28^th^. OCTOBER 1698.

OUR DEP^TY^ : GOV^R^. & COUNCILL
OF FORT S^T^ : DAVIDS.

Wee have perused your Letters by the King William and Sidney, with the papers enclosed in your Packets, to which wee have very little to say, untill our Auditor have time to examine those Bookes, which wee have received from India by this years shipping, which will take him up some considerable time.

It seems to Us, that you have let M^r^. Haines too good a penyworth, Wee wish him well in his project, But ten Pagodo's ℔ Annum is so pitifull a consideration for the sole priviledge of making Wine, and Land into ye bargain, that you might very well have spared the Proviso, at the later end of your Cowl, he had run no great hazard, if he had run the venture of his ten Pag^o^ : for seaven years, as wee do of our Land ; The Dutch Vintner at the Cape pays the Dutch Company two thousand five hundred Pounds sterling a year, for the sole Priviledge of selling Wine there.

Wee have ordered our President & Councill at the Fort to send you a copy of our generall Letter to them, and therefore Wee don't inlarge; [The only end] of writing this, being to let you know, that Wee do accept of [its ...] of You our Deputy Governour & Councill, and of your [prcmise to be as] frugall as is possible, & promoting the augmentation of [the compª] Wee particularly recommend to you, and do expect the [...] being a very acceptable service, and will accordingly [remaine].

Your very [loving friends]

Josª. Child. Hen: Johnson. John [. . .]

Sam: Dashwood. Sam: Kekewich. Tho [Rawlinson]

General Letter to Bencoolen, dated October 28, 1698. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* II, *pp.* 183—185.]

London yᴱ. 28ᵀᴴ. Octobʳ. 1698.

Our Deputy Govʳ. & Council

of York ffort at Bencoolen.

1. Wee have received yours of the 26th. October 1697 by the Amity who arrived here the 10th: day of June and of the 5th. and 7th. ffebʳʸ. last by the Madrass ffrigott in both which we find Just Cause to commend our Deputy Govʳ. and Mʳ. Darley ℔ticularly for their prudent and just proceedings against that Rebellious & unfaithfull man Mʳ. ffrith whom wee have wrote to our President & Councill of ffort Sᵗ. George as wee doe to you to turn him [out] immediately out of our service and send him to the ffort to answer for his unfaithfullnesse Wee have read ffriths long [arguments] as he thinks cunning Apologys for delivering our Pepper to an Interloper but all his Defences notwᵗʰstanding are so incoherent & thin that any man of the least experience may see the weakness of his defence thrô the strongest of his cobweb arguments.

2. Wee designe soon after the departure of this ship Benjamin to send you the Armenian Merchant burden 220 Tons wᶜʰ. [wee] have ffreighted to load [pepper] at your place and [dispatch immediately] home for Europe. It must be your care to give [her] as soon a dispatch as possible to avoyd Demôrage by the way to you she [has] to stop at Sᵗ. Helena.

3. The Benjamin you sent us by the Amity & Madrass [was] very dear & turned to no accoᵗ. Barros is the Principall place wee know of all India for that Commodity But we have cause to fear you bought the Refuse of the Place a great part of it be [ing] adulterated and mixed with Dammer but there was one [Chest of] it very fine If it had been all such thô it had cost more money you gave it would have turned much better to accoᵗ. All drugs [are] paying 20 ℔ Cent above the Old Customs and if you send the [way] of any Commodity that is usually accounted Drugs the worst pays as much Custome as the best.

4. Although Benjamin yields a very small profit yet it is a Commodity very convenient for us to ship from your Place because it saves us the charge of halfe ffreight for stones for Kintlage of Pepper shippᵈ and therefore we desire you to buy all that which is best in its kind & at the cheapest time it is to be [here] if you can [get] those markes you may send us [40 or 50 ...] by each returning shipp for Europe from your Place.

5. The Cassia Lignum the Mallays tell you of [wᵗ] grows plentifully in Sumatra Wee believe may prove a very good Comodity if it be the quil Castia which we have formerly had from Batavia bought there at [A] Dutch Dollar ℔ Kintall the Bark very thin and when rolled together not much thicker than Tobacco Pipe or at most an ordinary mans little finger such a sort would alwayes sell well here tho' you gave 2 Dˢ ℔ Kintall or 112 lbs. Weight for it or rather than fail at first to introduce that

Commodity for the trade of bringing it downe [out] of the Country 3 ℔ weight But that whereof the Barke is thick and woody is not worth bringing home if you could have it for nothing.

6. You seeme in your Letters Zealous for y^e^. promoting of the Ornament strength health and profit of that Place which wee like very well. It is what we desire more for the Common good of our Countrey and posterity than any ℔ticular advantage of our owne for if we could live one hundred years longer in the Enjoyment of that Trade it would never make good to the company in that time which it has cost them already.

7. But you nor none liveing after you shall never raise that place to any considerable strength & reputation if you don't so much deny yourselves and faithfully ℔forme the Comp^as^: orders in freeing all the Inhabitants from oppression Deal justly with all men and lett the Trade to all Places and to all persons of what Nation soever paying the Companyes Dutyes be as free and open as it is to the Dep^ty^. Governour himselfe Except the Interlopers or the new Company whose Interests are directly opposite to ours & therefore cannot in reason expect that we should be at £2000000 Charge as wee have been to build up a Place for other persons.

8. Next to freedome and Justice as aforesaid frugall[ity]in Expences is an absolute requisite to the complement [ing] any great worke laying the ffoundations of a Great City where men [are wast]full Temperance and all their morall vertues are generally neglected and [therefore] we recommend to you to have all the care you can to encourage vertue and sobriety prefer no Profligate People to any Places of Command or trust under you soe commending you and our affairs to the guidance and protection of the Almighty Wee remaine

Your loving ffreinds,

Arthur Moore.	Jn°: Fleet, *Gov^r^*.
W^m^: Heath.	Tho: Frederick, *Dep^ty^. Gov^r^*.
Cha: Du Bois	Jn°: Moore.
Sam^l^: Dashwood.	Jon^a^: Andrews.
Rich^d^: Cooke.	W^m^: Hewer.
W^m^: Sedgwick.	Gab: Roberts.
Jos^a^: Child.	James Bull
Jos: Herne.	Sam: Kekewich.
W^m^: Gore.	Hen: Johnson.
Tho: Cook.	Rich^d^: Mou[ntney].
W^m^: [Rich]ard.	Sam^ll^: Pitts.

At a Court of Com^trs^. holden 7^th^ Dec^r^. 1698.

On reading a Report from M^r^. Hewer and M^r^. Du Bois touching M^r^. Vicessimus Griffith late Sea Customer at Cuddalore who was sentenced by the Court of Admiralty at ffort S^t^. George to 541 Pag^s^: on account of what the Conicoply, who acted under him run away withall, which follows in [*haec*] *verba*, The Court approved thereof, And orderd that a Copy of the same be sent to ffort S^t^. George and a Paragraph added in the Generall Letter, ordering the President & Councill to comply with the Contents of the said Report, or give good reasons to the contrary.

Sign'd by order of the Governour
and Court of Committees
Ro: Blackborne.
*Sec^y^*.

On Pursuance of an order of this Court of the 16^th^ last Wee have Perused the Papers of complaints delivered in by the Brother of Mr. Vicessimus Griffith and upon Examinatôn of the [matter] of ffact and what appears to us in the Compa^as^. Advices and in the same Papers relating thereunto Wee find that M^r^. Griffith was appointed a Customer at Codalore and dureing the time he officiated therein he had a Conicoply named

Tomma who acted under him but put into that office by the Deputy Governour and Council at ffort S^{t}. David before M^{r}. Griffiths time he haveing been formerly in the Company's service at Porto Novo which Conicoply wee find by the Consultation book from ffort S^{t}. David ending Sept^{r}. 1696 carryed away with him two sumes Viz^{t}. Pagodas 25[illegible]: 32 fanams and Pagodas [222: 19] in all four hundred seaventy five Pagodas Nine fanams being collected in the months of November and December 1695 for Custome. Wee also find that M^{r}. Griffith being sued for the same in the Admiralty Court at ffort S^{t}. George is cost in the sume of [641] Pagodas; But in regard the Conicoply was put in as aforesaid and that we cannot understand M^{r}. Griffith had any obligation [upon him] to take security from him nor that it has been Customary [to] do in like cases, And as it appears to us by the Copy M^{r}. Griffith's Brother gave us of his Answer to the Lieu^{t}. Generall and Councill at ffort S^{t}. George he had such a variety of Employment as attending thrice a week at least at the Consultations of the Court two miles distant from this Sea Custome Business That he frequently attended at Tevenapatam not only in sorting of cloth but also [at] Choultrey Justice there and in the like station at Codolore w^{ch}. required his attendance, That he was also Paymas^{r}. General of ffort S^{t}. David Codalore &c^{a}. outwards was obliged to oversee the Build [ing] and Repairs at Codalore etc and had severall other routine businesses besides his [being] Sea Customer at Codalore [all] Considered wee are of opinion that the Judgment [against him] ought to be reversed he not being truely answerable [for the] said money it not comeing to his hands: Besides Wee further find that the Deputy Governour and Councill did sell [Tommas] Effects which if they had beene brought in favour of [Mr. Griffith (*some words lost*) were not] would have [...] Upon this inquiry some things have occurred to us w^{ch}. we think may not be amiss to represent to this Court Viz^{t}.

That wee apprehend the Deputy Governour and Councill aforesaid and M^{r}. Griffith are all blameworthy in this matter because they did not take sufficient caution from the Conicoply for his honesty or at least in that they did not call him to an acco^{t}. for the moneys he received weekly or daily according to the greatness of the Income thereby puting it out of his power to cheat the Company of any considerable sume Instead of which it appears to us he was suffered to run in Arreares above two months.

We also conceive the President and Councill at the ffort are guilty of a great omission in not sending a plain state of the case as they ought to have done for instead of sending copy of the Proceedings of Admiralty Court relating to M^{r}. Griffith as the Tytle of the Paper in the Packet imports they have therein sent only some Minutes of the time when the [Action] was entered the Answers and Replyes filed and the Judgment obtained but not one word of the merits of y^{e}. Cause of what charged upon him nor of his answer thereto whereby to enable us fully and clearly to ground an opinion on every circumstance of the matter.

Wee also find that M^{r}. Griffith is discharged the Comp^{as}. service onely for refusing to pay the money adjudged by the sentence of the Court which the Clause in the Letter from the ffort hints that the President and Councill though he was not able to pay any considerable part of which if so wee offer it as our opinion That he be restored All which is submitted to the further Determination of this Court Dated att the East India House the 6th. of Decemb^{r}. 1698.

WILLIAM HEWER.
CHARLES DU BOIS.

A Court of Com^{tees}. holden 15th. Decem^{r}. 1698

On reading a Report from the Com^{tee}: thereunto appointed, touching the case of M^{r}. Dan: Du Bois late ffactor at Vizag^{a}: and his acco^{t}. now depending att ffort S^{t}. George, which follows in *ha'c verba*, The Court approved thereof, as also of a clause to be incerted in the Gen^{ll}: Letter relateing thereunto and ordering his readmission into the Comp^{as}: Service when the Ballance of his Acco^{ts}: was adjusted and paid.

To the Hono^ble. the Gov^r. Deputy & Committee of the R^t. Hono^ble. East India Company.

The Humble Petition of Hephziba Peachey Humbly Sheweth

That your Pet^rs: brother Jeremy Peachey, for many years faithfully served your Hon^rs. at Maulda in the Bay of Bengall, & in the year 1694 being sent to ffort S^t. George to adjust his Acco^ts: he hath ever since been kept in durance. The Court of Judicature not having hitherto, brought the suit to an Issue upon pretence of the want of papers which they have long expected from the Agent & Councill of Chuttanuttee.

Your Pet^r. therefore most humbly prays that your Hon^rs: would be pleased to insert a clause in the Gen^ll. Letter to the ffort by the Ships now bound thither, that the suit depending against her Brother may be brought to a speedy Issue, that her s^d. Brother may be released from his long & miserable Confinement.

And she as in duty bound shall ever pray &c^a.

[*No signature.*]

List of the Comp^as. Packet to the Fort by the Neptune.

1. Comp^as. Gen^ll: to the ffort, dated the 28^th: October 1698.
2. Copy of the Comp^as. Gen^ll: to the ffort dated 26^th: August 1698.
3. Copy of the Comp^as. Gen^ll: to Bombay dated 26^th: August 1698.
4. Acc^t. of the sale of Indico, rec^d. ℔ Mary & King William.
5. Calculate of the Comp^as. Tonnage, on all their goods rec^d. from India.
6. Scheam of the Tonnage & Cargoes intended this year to all parts of India dated August 1698.
7. Copy of the Gen^ll: Court of the 14^th. April 1698 touching y^e. ℔missi^ve Trade in Dyamonds &c^a.
8. Comp^as. printed state of their case.
9. Act of Parliament, for setling the Trade to the East Indies.
10. Lords Protest, against passing the bill for setling the trade to E. Indies.
11. Invoice of the Neptune.
12. Bill of Lading D^o.
13. Charterparty D^o.
14. Comp^as. Gen^ll. to ffort S^t. Davids [...] both dated.
15. Copy Comp^as. Gen^ll. to Bencoolen [...] flying seal.
16. Comp^as. Gen^ll. to the ffort, dated 15^th De[c]. [...].
17. Order of Court touching Vicess. Griffith, dated 7^th. Dec^r. 1698.
18. Report touching D^o. dated 6^th. Dec^r. 1698.
19. Order of Court touching Dan^ll. Du Bois, dated 15^th. Dec^r. 169[8].
20. Report touching D^o. dated 14^ta Dec^r. 1698.
21. Petition of Hephziba Peachey touching her Bro^r. Jer(emy Peachey).

General letter to Fort S^t. George, dated December 30, 1698. Per Neptune. Received June 1, 1699. (*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* II, *pp.* 215–216.)

Our President and Council

at Fort S^t. George

London the 30th Dec^r. 1698.

The late Act of Parliam^t. made for raiseing two millions by giveing the subscribers 8 ℔ Cent and the trade to the East Indies does provide That the subscribers may appoint and present to his Ma^ty. an Ambassa[r]. for India which his Ma^ty. may send thither but the charge is to be defrayed by the subscribers out of the Duty of 5 ℔ Cent that is to be raised on the Trade as you will see by the Project of the Act

which was sent some times since by the Northumberland Gally via Bombay which tis hoped wth. what was wrote on that subject will be with you before this arrives.

The New Comp^{a}. have made choice of a Person for an Ambassad^{r}. and have p^{r}sented him to his Ma^{ty}. and p^{r}tend to make great Provisions for his Equipage in order to his goeing to the Great Mogol for what reason wee cannot imagine unlesse it be to endeavour to distinguish betwixt the old and new Companyes and to bring the old under the Displeasure of the Governm^{t}. in India which otherwise they owne their new Project will never take Effect But this has not at all operated on the Adventurers nor doe we fear there will be any great Inconveniency from this Embassy when the Companys Affairs there are under such good Conduct as yours.

The Person they have nominated is one M^{r}. Norris A Member of the House of Commons one that is well knowne to our worthy President and although tis thought by many they are not in earnest yet the Company will prepare themselves against the worst And in case he dos go on such an Errand w^{ch}. his Judge [did] will be very Injurious to the English Nation in Generall in their Trade to India you shall be furnished with such Informaion the Comp^{as}. Affairs as 'tis not doubted but with your and the Comp^{as}. other Agents Assistance will ever throw the Designe of our Enemyes.

ffor which purpose wee have Entertained Doctor Charles Davonant who is also a Member of this New Parliam^{t}. and is well knowne to our Presid^{t}. to be a Person of Eminent Parts and Experience he is a Gentleman that has been privy to all the Transactions on our Part in Relaton to this new Act of Parliament as well as most [other] matters belonging to the Company and being [learned] and well skilled in the Civill Law wee designe [to] our Councill to Transact such affairs in India as wee and our Generall Presid^{t}. and Councill abroad shall find necessary in the P^{r}sent conjuncture.

We do not designe his Residence to be at any Perticular ffactory nor to Intermeddle in the management of our Mercantile Affairs but in generall fully to Informe those that mannage our Affairs in India of the true state of our [Interests] that so you may the better Judge what methods to take for our service And further to take such measures as from our Instrucons his owne prudence and on Consultacon with our Generall and Councill at Bombay and Surratt with yourselves shall be found most conduceing to the Preservacon of our present and future Interest as well in Relacon to our Trade as our fforts Inheritances and Revenues.

You are to observe That in Case this Reported Ambassy be laid aside there will be alsoe an end of our designe of sending Doctor Davinant.

Pray communicate the Contents of this Letter to Bombay, Surratt and to the Bay of Bengall, so commending you our affairs to the guidance and Protection of the Almighty We remain.

Yo^{r}: very Lov: ffriends.

JOHN FFLEET, *Gov^{r}.*

W: GORE	W^{m}: PRICHARD
THO: COOKE	HEN: JOHNSON
ARTH: MOORE	WILL: SEDGEWICK
	SAM: DASHWOOD
RICH^{d}: COCKE	JONATHAN ANDREWS
SAM^{ll}: KEKEWICK	GABRIEL ROBERTS
SAMUEL PITTS	W^{m}: [HEWER]

SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED JANUARY 12, 1699. RECEIVED JUNE 1, 1699 PER NEPTUNE. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* II, *p.* 219.]

LONDON 12TH. JANRY. 1698/9.

OUR PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL

AT FFORT ST. GEORGE.

For the reasons given you in our Generall Letter by the Scepter, We have drawn on you the severall Bills of Exchange hereunder mentioned Vizt.

	PAGS:	FFA:
One Bill of Exchange payable to Mr. Jno. Bull or order for	770	2
One Ditto to Mr. Jno: ffellowes	840	0
One Ditto to Mr. Hen: Whistler	1,050	0
One Ditto to Mr. Jno: Styleman, and Mr. Alvaro Da ffonseca	509	12
One Ditto to Mr. Alvaro Da ffonseca	841	30

Whereof we thought good to advise you by this ship the Neptune she being by contrary Winds still detained in the Downes We re[main.]

Your very Loving ffriends
Signed by order of the Governour [and] Committees.

[Ro: Blackborne.]

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1698. RECEIVED PER BENJAMIN JUNE 4, 1699. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. II, p.* 221.]

LONDON THE 11TH. OF NOVEMBER 1698.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCILL

OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Wee having appointed this Ship the Benjamin to saile from hence to Cadiz in Spain for taking in the Cargo of Bullion designed for your place, which will be to the amount of ffifty Thousand pounds Sterling, in peeces of eight or fine bars, Our Correspondents there have direction to send you a particular Invoyce thereof, & bill of Lading, of what they shall so lade on her, which they will enclose in this latter, It being sent open to them to that purpose, & hope the same, will com safe & seasonably to you. So Commending you & our Affairs to the guidance & protection of the Almighty Wee remain.

The Names of our Correspondents above mention'd are Sr. Wm. Hodges and Compa. Merchts. at Cadiz and Messrs. Ashe Welch & Cooke Merchts. at Puerto St. Maria

Your very Loving ffriends.
Tho: Frederick, *Deputy.* [*Govr.*]
SAM: DASHWOOD.

HEN: JOHNSON
JAMES BULL
WM: SEDGWICK
THO: COOK
W: GORE
WM: PRICHARD
R: AYNSWORTH.
WILL: HEATH.
JOHN MOORE.
JONATHAN [ANDREWS].
WM: HEWER.
CHARLES DU BOIS.
RICHD: COCKE.
RT: MOUNTENEY.

LETTER FROM HODGES & COMPANY TO FORT ST. GEORGE DATED JANUARY 20, 1699. PER BENJAMIN. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *p.* 225.]

To the Hon^ble^. the President and
Councell ffor all the English
affaires att Fort S^t^. George. Cadiz 20^ts^. January 1699.

S^rs^:

By order and ffor the Propper account of the Hon^ble^: The East India Comp^a^. of London Wee herew^th^. send you bills of Lading and Contents of whatever and Mess^rs^. Ash & Comp^a^. have shipped aboard the Benjamin. Cap^t^. John Browne Consigned by there order to yourselves and herew^th^. you have there Letter which they ordered Us to forward w^th^. what goes from hence, for the Disposeall of which you will have there Directions, soe wishing The Shipp a good Voyage Wee tender you our Respects & Remaine.

S^rs^.

Yo^r^. most Humb. Serv^ts^.
W^m^. Hodges.
Cha^r^. Hayne & [Terrell].

GENERAL LETTER TO FORT S^T^. GEORGE, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1698.

[*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *pp.* 228 (*a*)—228 (*d*)].

Our President and Councill
[att] Fort S^t^. George.

London the 15^th^ December 1698.

1. Wee have little to add to the foregoing, but to acquaint you, That four of our seaven ships, (as you will find in an after paragraph, designed for your place and Bengall) are sailed out of the Downes, which are earlyer, than so many Coast ships has been dispatched in any one year, for above twenty years past, There are yet remaining of those seaven ships, at Gravesend, the Scepter, and the Neptune, the latter is a new ship, built Friget or Galley fashion, or between both, and wee hope may sail extraordinarily well, so that she may arrive with you some time in June, and if so, wee presume you may get her loaden between that time & September, so as to despatch her towards Us before the last day of September, and if you can do that, It would be an extraordinary service to the Comp^a^. which for ought wee know may advance her Goods in sale at least twenty ℔cent, because she will come to the first market, and some months before Wee can expect any other ships with Coast and Bengall Goods.

2. Wee have writ before That you should settle some Factors to buy Goods at Madapollam, Pettipollee, or Metchlepatam, But those Factoryes have proved formerly so excessively cha[rged], that we think it necessary by this addition to explain our meaning, [and] That is Wee would have you limit y^e^. [Factory] you send peremptorily to [those in]charge, not to exceed in any manner of way, but if they do exceed [charge] such exceedings themselves to the Comp^a^. and wee think five or six hundred Pagodos ℔ Annum at any place may be sufficient for the whole charge & expences of that place, Wee have done the like formerly, & bought many goods by two Factors at Dunnagar in [Bengall] who in going, comeing, expending and such attendance as they needed has stood us in above two hundred Pounds ℔ Annum, however though you [herein] have our thoughts in generall, yet wee know wee cañot certainly judge at [a] distance, of all the alteration of circumstances, that would in consequence alter our opinions, and therefore wee say do as well as you can, and put us to as [little a] charge as may be, so as to answer the intentions of our last letter of the 28^th^ [day] of October, taking care the [charge] be such as the Inventments can bear.

3. Notwithstanding all wee have writ to you before about the old and new [Co^{y}.] many of the new are so sick of the prospect they have of that Business, and [this] Kingdome so sensible of the folly of two or three East India Comp^{as}: in one Nat[ion] that it is not improbable [but] that you may hear before two years are at [an end.] Wee may be conjoyned by [coalition] some manner or other, and it is possible such a thing may be and that something will be stirring that way in [the pre]sent Parliament, but in the mean time, dò you go on vigorously faithful[ly] & stoutly with our Business, as if there were no probability of our ever [being] united, such diligence being, wee are sure, the interest of every gentleman of our service, for in case we should at last be conjoyned, whoever is [un]faithfull & false to either Comp^{a}. will hereafter be rejected by both [one] can easily guess, in case of a conjunction, the old Adventurers (that has been alwaies successfull till their Commerce was interrupted) will have superiour Interest and influence in the Election of old or new Comittee [manage^{t}].

4. That you may see Wee prosecute our Trade with the same Vigour on [the] other side of India, as wee do on your side, Wee think it not amiss to acquaint you, That wee have taken up for Surrat the Bedford, Charles the second, [and] Hampshire, and wee are now treating for the Loyall Merchant, which is [more] in Toñage than we have sent on your side, and shall carry out above two hundred thousand Pounds sterling; Besides which, wee are Dispatch[ing] the Armenian Merchant for S^{t}. Helena and Bencoolen, to return directly to Us, Wee have likewise sent the Fleet Friget Captain Merry for China, [with] a stock of above forty thousand Pounds M^{r}: Bowridge Supracargo, so that with her, wee have three ships in the China Trade, the Trumball shortly expected and the [Nassau w$^{ch.}$ is there] a ship near five hundred Tons; as soon as our severall ships [are finally] dispatched and the Trumball arrive, wee resolve God willing to send [a similar] ship to China, with a very considerable Cargoe.

5. Wee can now [generally] acquaint you, that the Northumberland sailed from Cadiz | for Bengall | with a cargoe of thirty two thousand seaven hundred [. . . ty] nine Pounds eight shillings & six pence, on the 29th. of October [and]on the 29th: of November the Fleet Friget sailed out of the Downes for China (and in) her Company the Josia with a loading of nineteen hundred & twelve Pounds eighteen shillings & four pence here, bound for Cadiz to take in sixty thousand Pounds more there for the Bay, the Benjamin also sailed with her with a Cargo of Eight hundred fifty six Pounds thirteen shillings and eleaven pence, but to take in fifty thousand Pounds more at Cadiz for your place, and on the 3^{d}. instant the Sidney followed her from the Downes, with thirteen hundred ninety eight Pounds eleaven shillings & nine pence put on board here in goods, and (to) take in ninety thousand Pounds at Cadiz for the Bay, with her went at the same time the [Gracedieu] with a cargoe of thirty four thousand three hundred eighty five Pounds eleaven shillings & five pence bound directly for Bengall, since which having had no letters from any of them, wee hope they are [all] got safe through the channel on their voyage.

6. There yet remains for your parts the Neptune Captain Lesly now be [low] Gravesend in her way for the Downes, who brings you these, and comes [with] a cargo of twenty-nine thousand nine hundred forty four Pounds fourteen shillings & five pence, wee have also at Gravesend the Scepter Cap^{t}. Phenn(ing) on whom wee purport to load [*a few words lost*] and to send both direct[ly to] Fort S^{t}. George, and the East India Merchant bound for the Bay we at present intend her directly, wee purpose to put on her a Loading of [*a few words lost*] and is the last of our intended shipping for the Coast and Bay this season; besides which the Armenian Merchant is now on her way, to the Downes, bound for S^{t}. Helena, with a Lading of three thousand eight hundred fifty eight Pounds two shill^{s}. & 4^{d} and thence with four thousand sixty seaven Pounds ten shill^{s}. more for Bencoolen to fill her up as soon as they can, and return her to us with a Lading of Pepper.

7. Wee have that confidence of our President & Councill, and particularly of you our President, from the many assurances you gave Us at your going hence of your

[zeal and] continued endeavours to promote our [interest] wherein you had imbar[ked] yourself, that wee rest satisfyed, you will do what you can, to give [all] our Ships a speedy dispatch to Us, with as large and well chosen Investments as possible, and wee expect the like from our Agent and Councill in the Bay, by which means wee shall find our own interest most effectually promoted, & consequently the new Company's aims as much disappointed, for till there be an Union wee apprehend as the interest of either advances the others, at least in reputation, will [equally decline].

8. Wee find our advantages are not wanting to turn every stone to carry their point, & among other things, it is whispered about, that some of them had, or would advise our President, that he was not so perfectly in our favour as might be expected, This together with the generall discourse of their sending M^r^. John Pitt his kinsman, and our quondam Factor [to] be their Agent on the Coast, at Madapollam, or thereabouts, they expect will influence affairs in their favour, and give them better hopes of Success for Coast Goods then otherwise they could rationally promise themselves, now, though Wee need add nothing more to what wee have lately wrote, on this subject, yet to prevent the mischief they intended & in Justice to ourselves, and our President, Wee do declare, wee have no mis[trust] off, nor yet the least dis[es]teem for our said President, but on the contrary, entirely confide in, [surely] upon his prudent management & conduct, nothing questioning, but it will answer our utmost expectation.

9. By the enclosed order of the Court of Comittees, and the accompanying Report, you will see our present thoughts and resolutions touching M^r^. Vicessimus Griffith's case, which wee send you for your direction, expecting the same be duely complied with, and the omissions therein mentioned rectifyed for the future, [in] case of the like nature.

There takes passage of the Neptune M^r^. William Bull, whom wee have entertained Factor for Fort S^t^. George for five years at fifteen Pounds ℔ Annum.

10. As wee have lately written by the Tavestock, and formerly by the Sidney, so wee again [recommend] it to you, to cause the business of M^r^. Jeremy Peachie to be brou[ght to] a speedy conclusion, if not already done, his Friends & Relations here ma[ke s]ad complaints of the hard usage he meets with by his long & tedious imprisonment, and by the delay of the proceedings in that Court, as you will see by their Petition unto Us herewith sent you.

11. You will herewith also receive a Report from our Comittee, touching M^r^ Daniel Du Bois and his Accompts with us depending, which wee are content should be adjusted in the manner specifyed in the said Report, you having no other exceptions materiall, than as appears to Us therein, being the rather moved to so much lenity on account of his ingenious Confession & repentance, [that] as wee wrote you in our Letter of the third day of January 1693/4 wee might hereafter re entertain him in our service, wee are content to readmit him on paying the Ballance of his Accompt aforesaid.

12. Wee find that M^r^ John Berlue hath deserved well of Us, & that he is accordingly preferred to be of Councill at Fort S^t^. Davids, wee hope he would continue his diligence & faithfullness, & in confidence thereof, on his [Friendly] request recommend him to your favour.

[*No Signature*].

LIST OF THE COMP^AS^. PACQUET TO THE FFORT BY THE BENJAMIN.

1. Comp^as^. Generall to the ffort dated 28^th^. October 1698.
2. Copy of the Comp^as^. General to D^o^. dated 26^th^. August 1698.
3. Copy of the Comp^as^. Gen^ll^. to Bombay, dated 26^th^. August 1698.
4. Acco^t^. of what the Indico sold for, rec^d^. by the King W^m^. & the Mary.
5. Calculate of the Comp^as^. Tonnage, on all their goods rec^d^. from India.
6. Scheam of the Tonnage & Cargoes, intended this year to all parts of India dated August 1698.

7. Copy of the Generall Court of the 14th. of Aprill 1698 touching the permissive Trade in Dyamonds &c[a].

All 6 sent on the Northumberland Gally Viâ Bombay.

8. Companies Case printed.

9. Act of Parliament, for settling the Trade to the East Indies.

10. Lords Protest against passing the Bill for settling the Trade to the East Indies.

11. Invoice of the Benjamin. Mr. Ellis.

12. Bill of Lading of Benjamin. Mr. Bradeyll.

13. Charterparty of D°.

14. List of the Pacquet by the Benjamin.

15. Comp[as]. Gen[ll]. to ffort S[t]. Davids dated 28th. of October 1698.

16. Comp[as]. Gen[ll]. to Bencoolen D°. date.

The two last sent under a flying Seal for your perusall & taking Copies of them.

The 6th. January 1698/9.

1. Application having been made to us by severall Persons who have concernes in their hands here, of their Correspondents, residing in India, & others who are willing to send out, to their Relations in our service, any sums of Money for their subsistence, Wee have allowed them to pay the same into our Cash here for which wee agree to give them Bills of Exchange for the value payable to their order thirty dayes after sight in Pagodas, [list] of such Bills you will have in a paper apart in the Packet.

2. Our Auditor Generall M[r] Beyer having been long absent from Us [has not been] able to make such Remarks on your Accompts, as he would otherwise have done, however what observations he hath made, you have herewith enclosed, whereto Wee require you to give as great heed in all the particulars, as if herein inserted verbatim.

3. M[r]. Barwick Salwey sent out to the Fort a Writer having been for severall years at Bencoolen, wee understand has acquitted himself with [great] faithfulness & activity in our service, but by reason of sickness is about returning to Madrass, wherefore if you find the accompt Wee have of [him] to be true, Wee recommend him to you to give him all suitable en[couragem[t]] at the Fort, for his per[severance] in well doing.

4. There takes passage on the Scepter M[r]. John Vernon [who served several] years as a Writer and Factor at S[t]. Helena, and is now entered [at his] own desire an Ensign for the Fort on the usuall termes. [So commending you] and our Affairs to the Guidance and Protection of the Almighty.

Enclosed We send you patterns of Sev[ll]. Chints rec[d]. by the Sidney whereof send us all you can but let them be as fine as these and full nine yards long & y[d]. wide which makes them a fitt pattern for a gown & Petticoat whereas [these] being but 8. yards and too scanty a pattern. [Those] on y[e]. red grounds are not so good Colours the grounds are not brisk enough take care they be more lively & send them and the other Patterns all you can procure taking speciall care the Cloth be very good of its kind the finer y[e]. better some on fine sallampores & Long Cloth others on good Morees to bring them to this pattern as above.

Your very loveing Friends
JOHN FFLEET, [Gov[r].]
THO: FREDERICK, [Dep[y]. Gov[r].]
W[M]: RICHARD
JAMES: BULL [. . .]
W: GORE [. . .]
WILL HE [WER.]
JONATHAN [. . .]
GAB: ROBERTS
SAMUEL PITTS
SAMUEL DASHWOOD
RICHARD MOUNTENEY
CHARLES DU BOIS
JOHN MOORE

List of Bills of Exchange drawn by the Company, on the President & Councill of ffort S^t^. George pay^A^: 30 days after sight.

	Pag^s^.	fa.	ca.
One Bill payable to M^r^. John Bull or Order for ...	770	2	0
One Bill to M^r^. John ffellows for	840	0	0
One Bill to M^r^. Hen: Whistler for	1050	0	0
One Bill to M^r^. Jn^o^. Stileman & M^r^. Alvaro Da ffonseca for	509	12	0
One Bill to M^r^. Alvaro Da ffonseca for ...	841	30	20

General letter to York Fort on dated [*lacuna*], [*Public Despatches from England, Vol. 11, pp. 251–254*].

[Nathaniel Higginson]
of our Councill at y^e^. Fort.

1. We have rec^d^. by y^e^. Russell Fregatt Duplicate of your Letter to us sent on y^e^. King W^m^. dated y^e^. 30^th^. September 1696 whereto our reply will be much y^e^. shorter by reason y^e^. most of it is answerd in y^e^. Instructions to our Presid^t^. and Councill now sent by Thomas Pitt Esq., wherein you will see y^e^. reasons w^ch^. induc'd us to elect him President of Fort S^t^. George and that we have alsoe gratify'd yo^r^. desire in appointing you 2^d^. of Councill there.

2. We are not against gratifications for extraordinary services but would have y^m^. made plainly in money y^e^. reasons whereof are more Largely expressd in y^e^. answer to y^r^. L^rs^ rec^d^. by y^e^. Russell Fregatt.

3. You will see by our sayd Instructions our present [Theme] of y^e^. great expences of Fort S^t^. George & of y^e^. many unintelligible articles in y^e^. Acco^t^. of Charges Gen^ll^. as they sta[nd] in y^e^. Books Last year rec^d^. we are glad to understand by [your] Letter y^e^. account of expences are now enter'd without any deceitfull covering, and would have that method always pursud in time to come, but of this we shall more matters when your Book of acco^ts^. arrive here.

4. The rules you prescrib'd the farmers for the Gen^ll^. [better] management we approve but by their calculation we have reason to beleive our Councillors or some of y^m^. are y^e^. farmers and it gives us cause to credit a report y^t^. y^r^. [Secr^y^.] was Interested therein w^ch^. if true we think is no way [con]venient for y^e^ same person to be buyer and seller [We see] you object to y^e^. beggarly Dubashes renting the farms seems to us to have Less weight than you Lay upon it Surely whoever will bid most is our best [chap if] it should have been yours and y^e^. Councills care always to keep in a regular method of Collecting y^e^. Sev^ll^. [Dubashes] Interposing your Authority prevent quarrells and disturbance, wherefore we say let any body [take y^m^.] y^t^. will bid most for y^m^. at y^e^. publick Inch of Candle by [which] way only let y^m^. be putt up to sale so as such ℔son will give good security for performing his contract wee have been informed that you forbidding by an act of Councill those Dubashes from meddling there was only an [act of you] to Let in your selfe or some of y^e^. Councill to be y^e^. sole Farmers to be Sure at an easy rate under y^e^. Colour of letting y^m^: w^th^out Outcry to Able men.

5. The Acco^t^. you give us of y^e^. pretences Interests & behaviour of y^e^. Mogulls children and chief officers makes it very apparent that his large dominions are threatened w^th^. an Intestine warr whenever he dies & in answer to y^r^. 5 querys thereupon, we say we could content to abide w^th^. our present Phirmaunds & w^d^. have you insist upon y^m^. or th^e^. being Confirm'd w^th^. such additional priviledges as may be procur'd & whenever Confirm'd we think it is better to have our 3 main residences Viz^t^. Surratt y^e^. Coast and Bay all w^ch^. are now in his dominion confirm'd each distinct and apart, thô at somewhat more charge than run y^e^. hazard of an Interruption in all places when a sad accident befalls us in any one of y^m^. as y^e^. Late Pyracy's in y^e^. Red Sea

has Embarassed our affayrs at Surratt. The next inquiry then is when sh^{d}. these Phirmaunds be obtained we answer not till you see an absolute necessity because it will bring a charge [with] it nor untill y^{e}. Event has prov'd who of y^{e}. pretenders will remaine Victor y^{t}. so we may be sure our money is not thrown away.

6. To y^{r}. 3^{d}. query we say it cant be amiss to communicate to each other your designs Endeavours and Applications and give your mutuall advice as y^{u}. have oppertunity. But in all Emergency's let each of y^{e}. 3 places go on wth. the particular addresses w^{ch}. are not likely to interfere If as is very probable y^{e}. Mogulls Kingdome should be cancell'd into sev^{ll}. Soverainties & Consequently not y^{e}. same Phirmaund [*some words lost*] to have y^{e}. applications of all 3 places Territories [*a line lost*] fall to y^{e}. share of [any] one y^{e}. Vaqueels at Court [who . . .] for our sayd Servants may be ordered to consult toge[ther] about their Instructions & act in consort at Least [avoid] interfering wth. each other.

7. Doubtlesse it would be our advantage to have our Forts expressly mentioned in such renew'd Phirmaunds the insisting or not insisting on it is a discretional act depending intirely on y^{e} then circumstances, if y^{e}. Successour be as tenacious in y^{t}. matter as y^{e}. present Mogull better get y^{e}. thing in some other Comprehensive gen^{ll}. words y^{n}. offer at y^{e}. expresse mentioning of a Fort to no purpose or at best to enhanse y^{e}. purchase.

8. To the next query whether best to observe a Neutrality or side wth. any of y[^{e}.] Contenders we say as you will see more at Large in our Instructions about Bengall keep fair wth. all parties and side with none wthout absolute necessity, and if y^{t}. happen be sure to engage no further than y^{t}. you may Secure yo^{r}. retreat and have a fair excuse if afterwards question'd for it : y^{t} what you did was y^{e}. effect of meere necessity not choice y^{t}. warr and bloodshed are inconsistant wth. y^{e}. Essence of a merchant and never usd but on acco^{t} of [secure] preservation.

9. The Large acco^{t}. you give of y^{e}. first originall of the [Joint] stock merchants how they have dwindled away to no[thing] in Estate and Reputation w^{t}. troubles you have wth. Timapa and how he has been supported. The unjustifiable [differences] & Contests between you and M^{r}. Fraser are and will be [answ^{d}.] by our afores^{d}. Instructions directed to our Presid^{t}. Pitt y^{r}. self and y^{e}. rest of our Councill att y^{e}. Fort if it please God our said Presid^{t}. arrive in safety wth. you, who you may observe is vested wth. a power singly by himselfe to [put] an end to those Factions quarrells w^{ch}. we doubt not [wou^{d}] be according to Equity and good conscience.

10. Worriar Pollam being as you write contiguous to [Fort] S^{t}. David y^{e}. Merch^{ts}. at S^{t}. David are doubtlesse y^{e}. proper persons to carry on Investments there as well to prevent y^{e}. Prises you mention as to Lessen y^{e}. Charges, & by [y^{e}]s^{d} Instructions you will discern our designe is for returns Leaving y^{e}. manner of procureing y^{m}. to y^{e}. [Con^{ll}. Pressure.] [*a line lost*] it is feasible to [charge] y^{e}. foresayd merchants to buy y^{e} goods procureable at Worriar Pollam order it that [way] but if they refuse then Continue y^{e} Investment by y^{e}. Fort S^{t}. George Merchants it is our care to have full supp[lies] it must be yours to procure y^{m}.

11. Having gone thrô y^{e}. materiall Paragraffs of yo^{r}. S^{d}. Lre. we come to yo^{r}. Last desire w^{ch}. we have complyd w^{ch}. all, by [w^{ch}.] y^{e}. heavy weight of Government from off y^{r}. shoulders and putting in y^{e}. next Hon^{ble}. but much more easy Place of trust & Credit where you will have fewer difficulties to encounter and more Leisure so y^{t}. we shall now expect y^{e}. fullfilling yo^{r}. promise to do us y^{e}. best service you can in your said state[m^{t}] and to advise us from time to time whatsoever you think [is] proper and worthy our notice w^{ch}. we shall kindly accept at your hands and in especiall manner w^{d}. have you assist our s^{d}. President wth. your best information [& advice] in all things particularly in those matters wherein [he] will be at first a stranger and we have recommended you to his favour and kindnesse that there may be [and] remaine a good

understanding & continue acts of [friend]ship always between you so commending you and our affayrs to y^e^. Guidance and protection of y^e^. Almighty we remain.

Your very Loving Friends.

JOHN WARD.
P^r^: DELMO.
JOHN: HANGER.
NATHAN^ll^: MOUNTENEY.
FRANCIS EYLES.
SAM^ll^: ONGLY.

GEORGE BOHUR, *Gov^r^*.
W^m^: SEDGWICK, *D^y^. Gov^r^*.
W^m^: LANGHORNE.
JOHN MOORE.
BEN: BATHURST.
THO: RAWLINSON.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
W^m^: DE BOUVERIE.

GENERAL LETTER TO BENCOOLEN, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1698. SENT PER ARMENIAN MERCHANT. RECEIVED PER SCEPTER AUGUST 14, 1699. [*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* II *p.* 255].

LONDON THE 15TH: OF DECEMB^R^: 1698.

OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCILL ATT BENCOOLEN.

This accompanies Our Letter sent by the Benjamin Viâ Madrass to w^ch^. wee have little to add, more than to enjoyne you to the Prosecucon of our Orders therein and to assure M^r^. Mildmay that if he be the Author of great improvement of that place and trade according to the direction we have given wee shall hereafter gratifie him with a higher Post in our service at ffort S^t^. George.

There comes to you by this ship Giles Jordan a Person skilled in the Art [of] Gunnery who as such may be usefull to you wee have entertained him [at] Private Centinels wages but for his further encouragement have given him leave to take his wife and some with him at our charge but his son is entertain^d^. a soldier also.

Wee designed you severall souldiers by this ship but we were under a necessity for sending so many Passengers to S^t^. Helena that the roome of this small ship was wholly taken up therewith, however we intend to support you by the outward bound ships for the ffort.

Wee would have you fill up this ship with Pepper althô it should be something more than our covenants in Charterparty oblige us [unto and send] her way to us with what expidition possible w^ch^. you will be [able] to doe, haveing a constant standing store of two hundred Tons ready at [hand] according to former orders And we hereby require you to replenish your godo[wns] w^th^. that quantity as soone as possible after dispatch of this ship, to answer such [another] occasion from hence directly or other our Europe shipping from the Coast & Bay.

Wee herewith send you M^r^. ffrancis West entertained ffactor for Bencoolen for five yeares at Thirty Pounds ℔ Ann so commending you and our affairs to the Guidance and Protection of the Almighty We remaine.

Your very Loveing ffriends.

JONATHAN ANDREWS.
ARTH: MOORE.
W^m^: HEATH.
JOS^a^: CHILD.
SAM^l^: KEKEWITH.
RICHD: COCKE.
JAMES BULL.
SAMUEL PITTS.
JOHN MOORE.

JOHN FFLEET, Gov^r^.
THO: FFREDERICK, DEP^ty^ Gov^r^.
SAM^ll^: KEKEWICH.
W^m^: SEDGWICK.
RICH^d^: COCKE.
W^m^: HEWER.
GABRIEL ROBERTS.
W^m^: PRICHARD.
HEN: JOHNSON.
CHARLES DU BOIS.

List of the Company's Packet to the Fort by the Soepter.

N°. 1. Comp^{as} : Generall to the Fort dated the 28th : October 1698.
2. Account of the sale of Indico received ℔ Mary & King William.
3. Calculate of the Comp^{as} : Tonage on all their goods received from India.
4 Scheam of Cargoes & Tonage intended this year for all parts of India.
5. Copy of the generall Court 14th: Aprill 1698 touch^{s}. Permissive Trade in Diamonds etc.
6. Comp^{as}. printed state of their Case.
7. Act of Parliament for Setling the Trade to the East Indies.
8. Lords Protest against Passing the Bill for setling the Trade to the East Indies.
9. Invoice of the Scepter.
10. Bill of Ladeing D°. ship.
11. Charterparty D°. ship.
12. Report about Vicessimus Griffith.
13. Petition of Hephziba Peachie.
14. Order of Court about M^{r}. Vicessimus Griffith.
15. Order of Court about M^{r}. Daniel Du Bois dated the 15th. December $169\frac{8}{9}$.
16. Report touching M^{r}. Daniel Du Bois, dated 14th. December 169 [8].
17. Companys Generall to the Fort dated the 25th. December 1698 [and 6th] of January 1698-9.
18. Comp^{as}. Generall to the Fort dated the 30th. December 1698.
19. List of Bills of Exchange payable at y^{e}. ffort 30 days after sight.
20. Patterns of Chints rec^{d}. by the Sidney.
21. Auditor General's Letter to the Fort dated the 24th. Jan^{ry}. 1698.
22. Copy of the Comp^{as}. Generall to Bencoolen dated 15th. Dec^{r}. 1698.
23. Copy of y^{e} Auditors Letter to y^{e}. fort dated 5th. February $169\frac{7}{8}$.

General Letter to Bengal, dated August 26, 1698.

(*Public Despatches from England, Vol.* 11, *pp.* 261—263.)

London the 26 August 1698.

Our Agent and Councill
of Bengall.

1. We have your Letters by the Sidney and Sampson dated the first December and twentyeth of January last, who arriv'd in safety with us for which God be praised, and we are very well satisfyed with the whole conduct of our affairs under your Management desiring you to persist to send all unfaithfull and extravagant persons in their Expences to the ffort *Corpora Cum Causa* to be there judged or acquitted, and if other Captains shall refuse, as Cap^{t}. South did to comply with your Orders, let us know their names as you did now, and they shall no more serve us.

2. Your Shellock will come to a great Markett, provide what more you can thereof speedily to prevent the Interlopers getting any of it now or hereafter.

3. Muttradas we find to be the very man you take him for, and you may accordingly make use of him, as you judge it serves for our Interest and not otherwise, how his goods sell compared with others of the same sorts & Prices you shall know particularly when our sales are over.

4. Your Design of improving our Revenue is a most acceptible and Naturall service [and wee desire you] to pursue it by all the Prudent Methods you can.

5. We approve of the ffortification you have made, and wish you to strengthen it by degrees as you can without any publick offence to the Country or y^{e}. great Mogols.

6. We have wrote to our President and Councill at ffort S^{t}. George, that we (are) so well satisfyed with your actings in our affairs this and some years past, that we will have no alteration made in your Councill, None added to you, nor none removed out of your Councill by any Order, except under the hands of the Gov^{r}. or Dep^{ty}: and 13 of our Com^{tees}:, and therefore we desire M^{r}. Beard (who [has wrott] to some of his ffriends, that he intends for England) that he would for our [Sake] suspend that Resolution.

7. You have done extraordinary well in reducing the out ffactoryes since you can doe our busyness better at Chuttanuttee (which is our own Town) which will in a little time render the Place populous, and thereby encrease our Revenue, and by saving the Charge of out ffactoryes you will have 5 or 6000 £ value, the more to invest which is the Point of most Concern to us especially while we are haunted with Interlopers.

8. You say you have accounted with Coja Surhad, and paid him y^{e}. Ballance 3131 Rup^{s}: 10 An^{s}. $\frac{3}{4}$. and there remains only to acco^{t}: with him for y^{e}. Interest due to us, for his not bringing in his goods in time, We think you had done better to have deducted that matter from the Ballance before you had paid it unto him.

9. We now proceed to new matter, and to save the labour of Repetition, Wee send you inclosed Copyes of our Lr̃es to our Gen^{ll}. S^{r}. Jn^{o}: Gayer, and of all the materiall Papers belonging to that Pacquett, by which you will see a strange face of things here, And if you could see ours likewise, you would see that we are less dismayed at this catastrophe, then we were at the nibling Interlopers, well knowing that when things are at the worst they must men[d] and believing by our long Experience in the East India Trade that two East India Companyes in England can no more subsist without destroying one [y^{e}.] other then two Kings at the same time regnant in y^{e}. same Kingdom, and that we don't intend to cross the Cudgells to the New Gamesters, you will easily observe by the great Number of Ships and great Cargoes we resolve to send to all places this Ensueing Season.

10. The principall End of hastening out this ship the NorthumberlandGalley is to acquaint our servants abroad with our Resolutions of sending out so great a stock wherein we are stedfast, not doubting of the means of procuring so much ready money, by the usuall proper seasons our [ships] should be ready to take it in.

11. As to that Clause in our Lr̃e to the Generall concerning providing [goods] beforehand, That which most immediately concerns you is that you [have] gruff goods enough, Lacks and such as are to be had on your side of India more especially, and which [was our] first Intention in writing that Clause we recommend to you the providing of a great quantity of Raw silk ffloretta yarn beforehand, or agreeing for it, if you have not pre[pared] to pay for it, which we believe you have not, but may have upon [hand we] do now think it is worth our while, that is untill our ships arrive wth. you. The reason of our pressing this Paragraph, to home upon you is, because the Crop of silk failing in ffrance Italy and Turky, We conclude Raw silk must continue a Commodity of great Price, as it is now in all Parts of Europe.

12. You advise, if you had Money before hand you could provide those extraordinary sorts of Goods, which we write for, and which after our Money arrives, you have not time to give out Money for This we know is a great Truth, but in ancient times, when Money was much more plentifull with the Company than it is now, We never thought it our Interest to have a stock before hand in Bengall or anywhere else, where we were not satisfyed or had no Confidence in our Servants, that were in most Power, The case is now alter'd, for we can trust you entirely, and you are in a good measure fortifyed, But here is a 3^{d}. Accident intervenes which it is a tryall of skill you may call it if you please a Civill Battle between us and the New Company and 2 or 3 years strife must end the Controversy, ffor the old or the New [Company] must give way, Our Joynts are too stiff to yield to our Juniours, we are [all] veterane soldiers in this warfare, and if our servants abroad in other places do their parts as well as we are sure our good generall S^{r}. Jn^{o}: Gayer [and you] will do yours, we don't doubt of the Victory, And if the rest of the world laugh at us to see

what pains, we take to undoe one another We can't help it it is no fault of ours, We think we are upon our own ground, We have a charter and when the 3 years are out, we have not only a property in all our Revenues and Possessions abroad, but also the same Act of Parliament for £ 315000 ℔ Ann trade as our new Merchants, which call themselves the new Company pretend to have, and if you buy up the silk as aforesaid you will very much disappoint them.

13. You must observe and we accordingly mention it in this Lre, that you may note the alterations made in y^e^. List of goods to be provided now sent you are very few, Viz^t^: instead of 40 Tons of Raw silk, we say now 100 Tons meaning if you can get it, Instead of 15 Tons of ffloretta Yarn we say now 40 Tons, Instead of 5000 Dimmityes, We say now 15000 Peices to which we add for your Information, That Clyve in the Interloping ship Antelope bought a great many of them in the Country two or 3 dayes Journey above Ballasore, which turned to a very good Account and [very] fine and white, but we don't prescribe to you that particular place, but that you should buy them where you can get them best whitest & cheapest.

14. You need not think yet of settling a new ffactory at Patana, for by w^t^. we can observe by your Lres We think you have Petre enough already to serve all our Designed next years shipping.

15. We command and strictly charge you to dispatch all our ships in y^e^. four months time, y^t^. we may pay no Demorage, and we shall never admit of any Excuse in y^e^. breach of this Order.

16. Send no sail Cloth white or brown from your place on any pretence whatsoever nor any more [Bales] of Canvas or Cotton [yarn] or other goods prohibited in y^e^. [List] of Goods sent you by our shipping, Or in y^e^. Directions or Observations on y^e^. said List accompanying these. So commending you & our affairs to the Guidance & protection of the Almighty We remain.

Your very Loving ffriends.

Sam: Kekewich.	Jn^o^ ffleet, *Governour.*
Jn^o^: Moore.	Tho: ffrederick, *Deputy.*
W^m^: Gore.	Sam: Dashwood.
Ri: Mounteney.	Hen: Johnson.
W^m^: Heath	Jn^o^: Johnson.
James Bull.	Ric: Cocke.
Jos: Herne	Jon^a^: Andrews.
W^m^: Hewer.	W^m^: Prichard.

List of Letters and Papers contained in the [. . .].

Comp^s^. Generall to the Fort Dated 8^th^. December 1696.
Comp^s^. Generall to the Fort Dated 16 April 1697.
John Coventreys 2 Petitions to the Company.
Ditto's account pretended Damages.
Order of the Committee and reports touching John Coventry.
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List of Goods to be provided on the Coast for the year 1697.
Auditor Generalls Letter to the Fort dated 21 April [1697].
Dittos Observations touching Fort S^t^. David.
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Comp^s^. Generall to the Fort dated 14 May 1697.
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List of Goods to be provided on the Coast.

List of Goods that have and have not been sent of late [. . .].
Comp^{s}. Generall to Bencoolen dated the 23^{d} July 1697.
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Auditor Generalls Letter to the Fort dated 5th February.
Comp^{s}. Generall to Fort S^{t}. Davids dated 26th January [. . .].
Comp^{s}. Generall to Nath^{l}. Higginson Esq^{r}. dated 26th January 1697.
List of the Pacquet ℔ Martha.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated 9th February 1697/8.
List of the Pacquet ℔ Fame } these two Pacquets containd [. . .] Dupli-
List of the Pacquet ℔ Sceptor. } cate of what rec^{d}. ℔ Mart[ha].
The Accomp^{ts}. Letter to the Presid^{t}. & Councill dat. 14th ffebruary [. . .].
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated ℔mo September 1697 rec^{d}. Via Ben [coolen].
Comp^{s}. Generall to Bengall dated 26 January 1697/8.
Comp^{s}. Generall to Bombay dated 8th. July 1698.
Comp^{s}. Generall to Bombay dated 19th. July 1698.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated 28 October 1698.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated 26 August 1698.
Comp^{s}. Generall to Bombay dated 26 August 1698.
Account sale of Indico rec^{d}. ℔ ships Mary & King William.
Calculate of the Comp^{as}. Tonnage on all their India Goods.
Scheam of Cargos & Tonnage desing'd for all parts of India.
Order of the Court of Committees relating to Diamonds.
Comp^{s}. Generall to Fort S^{t}. David dated 28th. October 1698.
D^{o} to Bencoolen do date.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated 15 December 1698.
Order of Court relating to Vicessimus Griffith.
Report relating to D^{o}.
Order of Court relating to Daniel Dubois.
Report relating to ditto.
Hephziba Peachies Petition.
List of the Pacquet ℔ Neptune.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated 30th. December 1698.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dated 12th. January 1698/9.
Comp^{s}. Generall dated 11th November 1698 to the Fort.
List of the Pacquet by the Benjamin whereof all mater^{l}. Papers rec^{d}. before by the Neptune.
S^{r}. William Hodges and Comp^{y}. their Letter to the Presid^{t}. &c^{a}. dated 20th January 1698/9 ℔ Benjamin.
Comp^{s}. Generall to the Fort dat 15th. Dec^{r}. & 6th. January 1698.
List of Bills of Exchange.
Auditor Generalls Letter to the Fort dat. 24th. January 1698/9.
Comp^{s}. Generall to Bencoolen dated 15th. December 1698.
List of the Pacquets by the Scepter.
Companys Generall to Bengall dated 20 August 1698.
List of the Pacquet by the Northumberland Gally, whereof all materiall Papers, Duplicates were received by the other ships.

List of the Company's Packet to the Fort, sent on the Northumberland Gally, Viâ Bombay.

N^{o}. 1. Company's Generall to the Fort dated 26th. August 1698.
2. Copy of the Comp^{as}: Generall to Bombay dated 26th: August 1698.
3. Copy of the Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: to the Bay dated 26th: August 1698.
4. Account of what the Indico sold for recd. by Mary & King William.
5. Calculate of the Comp^{as}: Tonage on all their goods received from India.
6. Scheme of the Tonage and Cargoes designed out the ensuing season for all parts of India.
7. Copy of the generall Court dated 14th: Aprill 1698 touching the Permissive Trade in Diamonds &c^{a}:

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Papers relating to the Company's Affairs lately transacted in Parliament.

8. The Compᵃˢ: Proposall of a loan of 700000 £ to his [. . .] procuring a settlement of their Trade by Act of [. . .].

9. The Compᵃˢ: Petition to the House of Commons praying [. . .] of their Rights and Priviledges to the said Trade.

10. A Bill being brought into the House by the Interloping Faction proposing the raising of 2 Millions on a Fund of 8 ℔ Cent. & the benefit of the Trade to the East Indies. The Compᵃ: preferred their [. . .] Petition to the House to be heard against the said Bill.

11. The proposall of the Generall Court to advance the 2 Millions themselves being in possession of the Trade dated the 10ᵗʰ: June 1698.

12. The Generall Courts Proposall to the Parliament for paying in £ 200000 as the first payment, to secure the reminder of the 2 Millions dated 20ᵗʰ: June 1698.

13. The Compᵃˢ. Petition to the Lords to be heard against the Bill it having passed the House of Commons.

14. The Protest of the Severall Lords against the Bill.

15. The Company's Case stated.

16. [*One line lost.*]